

Sixty-second  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**ENGROSSED SENATE CONCURRENT  
RESOLUTION NO. 4015**

Introduced by

Senators Mathern, Dever

Representatives Kretschmar, Metcalf

1 A concurrent resolution urging Congress and the President to pursue peace through strength in  
2 Iraq and Afghanistan and ~~disengage~~support American combat forces ~~from~~on duty in these  
3 countries and around the world.

4 **WHEREAS**, the goals of the United States in the foreign wars in Iraq and Afghanistan have  
5 been to ~~reduce~~prevent terrorist activity directed at the United ~~Sates and~~States to create a  
6 peaceful environment and to encourage a just rule of law for the citizens of those countries; and

7 ~~**WHEREAS**, the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan are now the longest wars in the United States~~  
8 ~~history; and~~

9 **WHEREAS**, American forces on duty in Iraq and Afghanistan have served bravely in the  
10 midst of the ~~continued~~declining civil disorder in Iraq and the sectarian war in Afghanistan, and  
11 merit the respect and support of all people; and

12 **WHEREAS**, now over 1 million American families have had a family member serve in these  
13 overseas wars, and more than 4,000 Americans have died in these wars; and

14 ~~**WHEREAS**, the continued cost of these wars in both the lives and health of American~~  
15 ~~forces and civilians and the cost to the United States government and our citizens of more than~~  
16 ~~\$10 billion per month cannot be sustained indefinitely; and~~

17 **WHEREAS**, it would be disruptive in the move toward democracy to abandon the cause to  
18 which our brave patriots have sacrificed so much while we enjoy our safety and security here at  
19 home; and

20 **WHEREAS**, the efforts of nongovernmental organizations to end violence against women in  
21 Iraq ~~and Afghanistan~~, bring community-based health, education, and economic development to  
22 ~~Afghanistan and~~ Iraq and Afghanistan, and promote peace and freedom should be supported;

23 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE**  
24 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:**

1 That the Sixty-second Legislative Assembly urges Congress and the President to pursue  
2 peace, freedom, and democratic rule of law in Iraq and a just rule of law in Afghanistan  
3 ~~with~~through the combined efforts of nongovernmental organizations and ~~the~~international and  
4 United States military forces; as they disengage from conflict and assist these countries in the  
5 transition to peaceful and stable governments while continuing to ~~disengage and safely~~  
6 ~~withdraw~~support and honor American forces ~~from those countries at the appropriate time~~who  
7 have dedicated themselves to protecting the United States of America and helped to bring an  
8 end to violence against women and all citizens and have promoted the just cause of freedom  
9 around the world, and to support, through ~~reasonable expenditures of funds, peaceful methods~~  
10 ~~for decreasing~~appropriate means, our brave military personnel and their families, and to support  
11 effective and secure governments in Iraq and Afghanistan which will decrease the global risk of  
12 terrorist activities; and

13 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution  
14 to the President of the United States and to each member of the North Dakota Congressional  
15 Delegation.