Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

## **HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3007**

Introduced by

Representatives Dockter, Heinert, Martinson, Porter, M. Ruby

Senators Axtman, Bekkedahl, Gerhardt, Meyer

1 A concurrent resolution urging Congress to recognize United States troops who served in 2 Honduras from 1981 to 1992. 3 WHEREAS, the Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly believes military members and veterans 4 who serve or have served in hostile environments should be recognized; and 5 WHEREAS, the United States military maintained a presence in Honduras throughout the 6 1980s and 1990s, providing training and conducting military exercises with the host nation; and 7 WHEREAS, the presence of the United States troops served as a deterrent to aggression in 8 the region and as a means of support for democratic values through civil action in Honduran 9 communities; and 10 WHEREAS. United States troops were equipped with live ammunition and assisted the 11 Honduran military in training and combat support; and 12 WHEREAS, United States troops experienced hostile fire and imminent danger; and 13 WHEREAS, at least one United States service member received a purple heart because of 14 terrorist activity; and 15 WHEREAS. United States troops lost their lives while in Honduras due to terrorist activity 16 and hazardous circumstances; 17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF 18 NORTH DAKOTA, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN: 19 That the Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly urges Congress to issue an Armed Forces 20 Expeditionary Medal, or similar recognition of having served in an area of hostility, to all United 21 States troops who served in Honduras from 1981 to 1992; and 22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution 23 to the Majority and Minority Leaders of the United States Senate, the Majority and Minority 24 Leaders of the United States House of Representatives, and to each member of the North 25

Dakota Congressional Delegation.