

This testimony is given in strong support of HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3020, which rightfully acknowledges the Kingship of Jesus Christ.

Western governments for two thousand years, whether explicitly or implicitly, have confessed that Christ is the ruler of the universe. The preamble of the North Dakota Constitution gives thanks to "Almighty God"; the Declaration of Independence reminds us that peoples' rights are "endowed by their Creator." These are but two examples, and our history is replete with evidence of how our ancestors freely, humbly, gratefully, and dutifully acknowledged, praised, and proclaimed the simple fact that God is the Supreme Being of the Universe. Scripture, as shown in part in HCR 3020, is even more direct - it is not some vague and nameless deity whom our ancestors have honored, it is Jesus Christ our Lord, the King of the Universe.

Most of the opposing arguments to this resolution attack a straw man - they say that this resolution violates the 'separation of church and state.' Nothing in this resolution establishes a Church of North Dakota, nothing in this resolution declares it shall be unlawful for any citizen to worship as they please, nothing in this resolution gives executive, legislative, nor judicial power to unelected clergymen. What these opponents conflate are the ideas of a "state-mandated church" and the unshakeable principle that God is supreme in all aspects of life - civil, familial, and ecclesiastical.

This resolution is particularly needed today (though valuable for all times) due to the degree to which our nation has turned away from God. Citizens need to be reminded of His presence, His goodness, His dominion, His Kingship. The state must also be reminded that it is not supreme and the only power it has, ultimately, is that which it is given by God. Acknowledging the Kingship of Jesus Christ via this resolution is a good first step.

I urge all members to vote yes.