

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3034

Introduced by

Representatives Sandvig, Weisz, Callahan

Senators Krauter, Nalewaja, Thane

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the impact of divorce on
2 children and issues of equity and fairness as they relate to custody determinations, visitation
3 orders, and child support obligations.

4 **WHEREAS**, 65 percent of the 1.2 million divorces in 1995 in the United States involved
5 couples with minor children; and

6 **WHEREAS**, children of divorced parents are two to three times more likely to drop out
7 of school, to have out-of-wedlock births, and to get divorced themselves than children from
8 intact families; and

9 **WHEREAS**, a child has a right to be supported emotionally, physically, and financially
10 by both parents regardless of the parents' marital status; and

11 **WHEREAS**, frequent and continuing access by a child to both parents after the divorce
12 should be encouraged; and

13 **WHEREAS**, concerns have been expressed that there are inequities in the enforcement
14 of visitation orders for noncustodial parents and in the child support guidelines as they relate to
15 parents who are obligors;

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

18 That the Legislative Council study the impact of divorce on children and issues of equity
19 and fairness as they relate to custody determinations, visitation orders, and child support
20 obligations; and

21 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Council report its findings and
22 recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to
23 the Fifty-sixth Legislative Assembly.