

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3078

Introduced by

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Senator Traynor

(Approved by the Delayed Bills Committee)

1 A concurrent resolution urging the boards of county commissioners of counties in the Devils
2 Lake Basin to provide property tax fairness and property tax relief to landowners whose
3 property has been inundated by rising waters of Devils Lake.

4 **WHEREAS**, in recent years rising waters of Devils Lake have inundated over
5 80 thousand acres of land in Benson, Towner, Ramsey, and Nelson Counties; and

6 **WHEREAS**, inundation of property has had a disastrous economic impact on affected
7 property owners; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the Legislative Assembly has authorized county assessment officials and
9 county boards of equalization to provide for fair assessment treatment of owners of inundated
10 property and it appears fair assessment treatment is not being provided uniformly for owners of
11 inundated property; and

12 **WHEREAS**, appropriate decisions of local government officials provide the best
13 opportunity for fair treatment of property owners and the best alternative to mandated property
14 tax relief under state law;

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

17 That the Legislative Assembly urges the boards of county commissioners of counties in
18 the Devils Lake Basin to provide property tax fairness and property tax relief to landowners
19 whose property has been inundated by the rising waters of Devils Lake;

20 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State send copies of this resolution
21 to each member of the board of county commissioners in Benson, Towner, Ramsey, and
22 Nelson Counties and to each member of the State Board of Equalization.