

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO.**

Introduced by

Representative Kempenich

1 A concurrent resolution urging the members of this state's Congressional Delegation to support  
2 the development and use of the abundant fossil fuels in North Dakota.

3 **WHEREAS**, the lignite industry employs nearly 28,000 people and has an annual  
4 economic impact of \$2.8 billion in North Dakota; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the North Dakota geological survey estimates that the state's lignite  
6 reserves will last more than 800 years at current rates of consumption; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the Bakken Formation has an estimated 3.65 billion barrels of oil and 148  
8 million barrels of natural gas liquids\_\_\_\_???

9 **WHEREAS**, any energy independence will require the use of North Dakota coal and oil;  
10 and

11 **WHEREAS**, any arguably negative environmental effects may be addressed through  
12 research and technology and may be made positive as in the case of carbon dioxide used in  
13 tertiary oil recovery;

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

16 That the Sixty-first Legislative Assembly urges this state's Congressional Delegation to  
17 support the development and use of the abundant fossil fuels in North Dakota; and

18 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**,that the Secretary of State forward copies of this  
19 resolution to each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.