

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO.

Introduced by

Senator Krauter

1 A concurrent resolution supporting accelerated and expanded deployment of E85 pumps in
2 North Dakota.

3 **WHEREAS**, the United States is over 60 percent reliant on foreign sources of oil; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the United States relies on energy from some of the most unstable parts of
5 the world; and

6 **WHEREAS**, a high percentage of the oil imported into the United States is used in the
7 transportation sector; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the most viable alternative fuels to reduce the United States' dependence
9 on oil are currently biofuels, such as ethanol and biodiesel; and

10 **WHEREAS**, North Dakota possesses strong agricultural renewable resources; and

11 **WHEREAS**, ethanol and biodiesel production have become and will continue to be an
12 important part of the state's energy economy; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the rural economy benefits from increased ethanol production; and

14 **WHEREAS**, advanced research in biofuels produced from biomass will be critical to the
15 long-term viability of biofuels; and

16 **WHEREAS**, our congressional delegation has been a long time champion of the ethanol
17 and biodiesel industries and a supporter of using tax incentives to install ethanol infrastructure;
18 and

19 **WHEREAS**, the increased availability of blends of 85 percent ethanol and 15 percent
20 gasoline (E85) are critical to the continued and increased success and market penetration of
21 biofuels; and

22 **WHEREAS**, the state of North Dakota contains only 31 refueling stations that currently
23 offer E85;

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

Sixty-first
Legislative Assembly

- 1 That the Sixty-first Legislative Assembly supports legislation to at least double the
- 2 number of E85 fuel pumps in the state by 2010.