

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3021

Introduced by

Representatives Kempenich, Froelich

Senators Erbele, Taylor

1 A concurrent resolution urging the United States Fish and Wildlife Service not to list the
2 black-tailed prairie dog, *Cynomys ludovicianus*, as a threatened or endangered species under
3 the Endangered Species Act.

4 **WHEREAS**, in 2007 the Forest Guardians (also known as WildEarth Guardians),
5 Biodiversity Conservation Alliance, Center for Native Ecosystems, and Rocky Mountain Animal
6 Defense filed a petition with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service requesting that the
7 black-tailed prairie dog, *Cynomys ludovicianus*, be listed as a threatened or endangered species
8 under the Endangered Species Act; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the petition filed with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service requested
10 that the black-tailed prairie dog, *Cynomys ludovicianus*, be listed as endangered throughout its
11 range, which includes Arizona, Colorado, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, North
12 Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, and Wyoming; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service has initiated a status review of
14 the species to determine if the listing is warranted; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service has requested that all
16 information on the petition be submitted before February 3, 2009; and

17 **WHEREAS**, large concentrations of prairie dog populations cause widespread crop
18 destruction, compete with livestock for the same grazing areas, and create hazardous
19 conditions for livestock;

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

22 That the Sixty-first Legislative Assembly urges the United States Fish and Wildlife
23 Service not to list the black-tailed prairie dog, *Cynomys ludovicianus*, as a threatened or
24 endangered species under the Endangered Species Act; and

- 1 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this
- 2 resolution to the regional director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the director of
- 3 the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the Secretary of the Interior, and to each member
- 4 of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.