

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO.**

Introduced by

Representative Kempenich

1 A concurrent resolution urging members of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation to  
2 support 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  
8 148 million barrels of natural gas liquids; and

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

11 **WHEREAS**, any arguably negative environmental effects of fossil fuels may be  
12 addressed through research and technology and may turn these negatives into positives as in  
13 the case of carbon dioxide used in 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 the North Dakota Congressional  
17 Delegation to support the development and use of the abundant fossil fuels in North Dakota;  
18 and

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