

**Sixty-third Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 8, 2013**

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3012

(Representatives Strinden, Owens, Sanford, Delmore, Glassheim, Holman, Mock, Mooney, Oversen)
(Senators Murphy, Schneider, Triplett)

A concurrent resolution urging the United States Air Force to select the Grand Forks Air Force Base as the active duty main operating base for the new KC-46A refueling tanker mission.

WHEREAS, the Grand Forks Air Force Base is one of four finalists to serve as the active duty main operating base for the United States Air Force's new KC-46A tanker mission; and

WHEREAS, the Grand Forks Air Force Base successfully hosted a KC-135 tanker mission for over fifty years, from 1960 to 2010; and

WHEREAS, existing infrastructure and recent expansions in housing capacity would lend to successfully hosting the KC-46A tanker mission; and

WHEREAS, the Grand Forks Air Force Base has an exemplary record of service; and

WHEREAS, the vast, open airspace of the Northern Plains has proven to be an ideal setting for the operation of both training and active duty aerial missions; and

WHEREAS, the Grand Forks Air Force Base was selected to house and support unmanned aircraft missions being launched around the globe; and

WHEREAS, the geographic location of the Grand Forks Air Force Base provides access to strategic aerial routes over the North Pole; and

WHEREAS, the Grand Forks community showed its overwhelming support for the Grand Forks Air Force Base during base realignment and closure in 2005;

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

That the Sixty-third Legislative Assembly urges the United States Air Force to select the Grand Forks Air Force Base as the active duty main operating base for the new KC-46A refueling tanker mission; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to the Secretary of Defense, the Commander of the Grand Forks Air Force Base, the General Air Force Chief of Staff, and to each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate