

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3025**

Introduced by

Representatives Thoreson, Dockter, M. Johnson, Kading, Kasper, Looysen

Senators Campbell, Flakoll, Laffen, Nelson, Schaible, Sorvaag

1 A concurrent resolution of commendation to the North Dakota State University Bison football  
2 team and Coach Chris Klieman for achieving an unprecedented level of dominance in NCAA  
3 Division I football.

4 **WHEREAS**, the North Dakota State University Bison football team triumphed despite the  
5 loss of twenty-three seniors from their 2013 championship team to capture a record fourth  
6 consecutive NCAA Division I Football Championship Subdivision football championship; and

7 **WHEREAS**, postseason players Chris Board, Colter Pritchard, Shea DeJong, Trevor  
8 Gebhart, Tyler Wrice, Jordan Champion, CJ Smith, Zach Colvin, Darius Anderson, Esley  
9 Thorton, Derek McGinnis, Carson Wentz, Eric Perkins, Bo Liekhus, Daniel Polansky,  
10 RJ Urzendowski, Adam Keller, Cole Davis, Ben LeCompte, Colten Heagle, Demetrius Gray, King  
11 Frazier, John Crockett, Tre Dempsey, Chase Morlock, Keenan Hodenfield, Andrew Smith, Jedre  
12 Cyr, Tom Barneson, Christian Dudzik, Bennie Wilson, Carlton Littlejohn, Dan Sargeant,  
13 MJ Stumpf, Justin Axelson, Kurt Mattox, Matt Plank, Andrew Bonnet, Pierre Gee-Tucker, Nick  
14 DeLuca, James Fisher, Travis Beck, Kyle Emanuel, Jeremy Kelly, Alex Hahn, James Gates, Joe  
15 Haeg, Max Polson, Brian Schaetz, Bryce Messner, Adam Schueller, Brock Russell, Zac  
16 Johnson, Jack Plankers, Erik Olson, Zack Ziemer, Austin Kuhnert, Jesse Hinz, Landon Lechler,  
17 Nate Moody, Isaiah Frandsen, Zach Vraa, Carey Woods, DeSean Warren, Kevin Vaadeland,  
18 Jeff Illies, Connor Wentz, Luke Albers, Grant Morgan, Mike Hardie, Jarrod Tuszka, D'Andre  
19 Gillins, Greg Menard, Brad Ambrosius, Austin Farnlof, and Nate Tanguay; and coaches Chris  
20 Klieman, Matt Entz, Tim Polasek, Atif Austin, Jamar Cain, Nick Goeser, Randy Hedberg, Joe  
21 Klanderma, Conor Riley, Tyler Roehl, Joey Blackmore, and Hank Jacobs led the Bison to four  
22 playoff victories to capture the team's fourth straight title; and

23 **WHEREAS**, the seniors on the "Thundering Herd's" 2014 championship team accumulated  
24 a record of 58-3 over the course of their four years with the program, giving them more  
25 championship wins than total losses during their tenure; and

1       **WHEREAS**, Kyle Emanuel was voted the Buck Buchanan Award recipient as the top  
2 defensive player in the Football Championship Subdivision; and

3       **WHEREAS**, Carson Wentz was named the Most Outstanding Player of the championship  
4 game and received his second straight NCAA Elite 89 Award for the student-athlete with the  
5 highest cumulative GPA at the national championship; and

6       **WHEREAS**, the North Dakota State University Bison football team had nine players earn  
7 All-America recognition for their athletic performances;

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

10       The Sixty-fourth Legislative Assembly takes great pride in expressing its commendation to  
11 the North Dakota State University Bison football team and Coach Chris Klieman for achieving  
12 an unprecedented level of dominance in NCAA Division I football; and

13       **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State send a copy of this resolution to  
14 Bison Head Coach Chris Klieman, North Dakota State University Director of Athletics Matt  
15 Larsen, North Dakota State University President Dean L. Bresciani, and to each coach and  
16 player of the 2014 championship team.