

**Sixty-fourth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota  
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 6, 2015**

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3008  
(Representatives Streytle, Headland, Louser, Maragos, Schatz, Skarphol, Thoreson)  
(Senators Armstrong, Casper, Cook, Larsen, Unruh)

A concurrent resolution urging Congress to lift the prohibition on the export of crude oil from the United States.

**WHEREAS**, beginning with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act of 1975, the United States Congress has prohibited the export of crude oil from the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the 1970s saw high oil prices as a result of OPEC nations withholding production and a need to increase domestic energy production and supply to provide for energy independence; and

**WHEREAS**, the reasons for the prohibition were to preserve domestic price ceilings by preventing domestic producers from receiving higher world oil prices and to preserve a depleting domestic reserve; and

**WHEREAS**, directional drilling and hydraulic fracturing technologies in the Bakken Formation and other shale plays in the United States have made the United States more crude oil independent; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States is currently exporting over four million barrels of refined products, such as gasoline, out of the United States each day; and

**WHEREAS**, the continued oil production in this region and across the United States has provided the opportunity for economic growth and stability through the export of crude oil and the prohibition on exports of crude oil is no longer necessary;

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

That the Sixty-fourth Legislative Assembly urges the Congress of the United States to lift the prohibition on the export of crude oil from the United States; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward a copy of this resolution to each member of Congress.

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Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

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Secretary of the Senate