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1 A concurrent resolution recognizing the benefits of enhanced oil recovery and encouraging the
2 State of North Dakota and federal government to maintain favorable policies that support the
3 development of carbon capture technology and utilization of carbon dioxide as a commodity for
4 advancing energy security.

5 **WHEREAS**, the Bakken Formation is a world-class energy resource yielding 1.2 million
6 barrels of oil per day; and

7 **WHEREAS**, North Dakota's oil industry contributes approximately \$8 million per day in
8 extraction and production tax revenues, \$26 billion since 2008, and over half of total state tax
9 revenues annually; and

10 **WHEREAS**, oil and gas tax revenues contribute to the well-being of the state, providing a
11 stable tax base, prospering economy, well-paying jobs, and energy security; and

12 **WHEREAS**, current recovery methods produce only a small portion of the Bakken
13 Formation's estimated oil in place; and

14 **WHEREAS**, it is estimated that utilization of enhanced oil recovery methods could unlock
15 several billion barrels more of incremental oil production, and extend Bakken Formation
16 production by several decades; and

17 **WHEREAS**, North Dakota's coal industry supports nearly 12,000 jobs in the state,
18 contributes \$2 billion in gross domestic product, and \$100 million in state and local tax
19 revenues; and

20 **WHEREAS**, the coal industry has been a leader in pursuing technologies to capture carbon
21 dioxide from its coal-fired power and gasification facilities; and

22 **WHEREAS**, carbon dioxide captured from North Dakota's energy and agriculture facilities is
23 a valuable commodity that will be necessary to achieve full deployment of enhanced oil
24 recovery in North Dakota's oil shale formations and conventional reservoirs; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the state has been a leader in investing in research and development to
2 unleash the full potential of all its energy resources, and in creating a regulatory environment
3 that fosters the development of carbon capture, utilization, and storage technologies; and

4 **WHEREAS**, successful deployment of enhanced oil recovery will unlock the full potential of
5 the Bakken Formation, enhance North Dakota's coal industry, and support the continued growth
6 of North Dakota's energy industries, supporting the Trump Administration's goals of achieving
7 energy dominance and energy security;

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

10 That the Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly recognize the benefits of enhanced oil recovery
11 and encourage the State of North Dakota and federal government to maintain favorable policies
12 that support the development of carbon capture technology and utilization of carbon dioxide as
13 a commodity for advancing energy security; and

14 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the federal government is urged to develop policies that
15 encourage and incentivize utilization of carbon dioxide for enhanced oil recovery; and

16 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the federal government is urged to increase its
17 partnership with the State of North Dakota and its energy industries to advance carbon capture
18 technologies and enhanced oil recovery in the Bakken Formation; and

19 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution
20 to the President of the United States, the Secretary of the Department of Energy, the Secretary
21 of the Department of the Interior, and each member of the North Dakota Congressional
22 Delegation.