

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3042

Introduced by

Representatives Monson, R. Kelsch, Weisz

Senators Holmberg, Warner

1 A concurrent resolution urging Congress to direct the United States Drug Enforcement
2 Administration to differentiate between industrial hemp and marijuana.

3 **WHEREAS**, "industrial hemp" refers to varieties of cannabis that have less than
4 three-tenths of 1 percent tetrahydrocannabinol and which are genetically distinct from drug
5 varieties of cannabis commonly known as marijuana; and

6 **WHEREAS**, it was never the intent of Congress to interfere with or otherwise prohibit
7 the production and utilization of industrial hemp; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit has ruled that the
9 federal Controlled Substances Act of 1970 explicitly excludes nonpsychoactive industrial hemp
10 from the definition of marijuana; and

11 **WHEREAS**, industrial hemp is grown commercially in more than 30 nations without
12 undue restriction or complications; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the reluctance of the United States Drug Enforcement Administration to
14 decriminalize industrial hemp is denying agricultural producers in this country the ability to
15 benefit from a high-value, low-input crop that requires no pesticides and which can provide
16 significant economic benefits not only to American producers but also to American
17 manufacturers;

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

20 That the Sixtieth Legislative Assembly urges the Congress of the United States to direct
21 the United States Drug Enforcement Administration to differentiate between industrial hemp and
22 marijuana, thereby legalizing the production of industrial hemp and its use in American
23 manufacturing efforts; and

24 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this
25 resolution to the Administrator of the United States Drug Enforcement Administration, the

Sixtieth
Legislative Assembly

- 1 Attorney General of the United States, and to each member of the North Dakota Congressional
- 2 Delegation.