Sixtieth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3028

Introduced by

Representatives Monson, Aarsvold, Nelson

Senators Heitkamp, Holmberg, Wanzek

1 A concurrent resolution urging Congress to recognize the multiple benefits of industrial hemp

2 and to facilitate the growing of industrial hemp and the expansion of industries reliant on

3 industrial hemp-based products.

4 **WHEREAS**, the first record of hemp plant use for stem fiber comes from the Chinese 5 during the 28th century B.C.; and

6 WHEREAS, over the centuries, hemp was valued for maritime uses, clothing for slaves,
7 and bagging for cotton; and

8 WHEREAS, today hemp is produced legally in more than 30 nations, including Canada, 9 Great Britain, France, Germany, Australia, and China, and is used in textiles, automotive door 10 panels, luggage racks, insulation, horticultural growth mats, mulch, animal bedding, mortars, 11 paper, biomass fuel, salad dressings, nutrition bars, flour breads, cookies, granola, meatless 12 burgers, protein powders, chips, pasta, coffee blends, frozen desserts, and body care products 13 such as lotions, lip balms, conditioners, shampoos, soaps, shaving products, and massage oils; 14 and

WHEREAS, the demand for industrial hemp has resulted in the United States becomingthe world's largest importer of foreign-grown hemp; and

WHEREAS, American farmers have been prevented from enjoying the economic
benefits of lucrative new hemp markets because of existing federal barriers;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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20 OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

That the Sixtieth Legislative Assembly urges the Congress of the United States to recognize the multiple benefits that are obtainable through the production of industrial hemp and to do all things necessary and proper to facilitate the growing of industrial hemp and the expansion of industries reliant on industrial hemp-based products; and Sixtieth Legislative Assembly

- 1 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this
- 2 resolution to the Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture and to each member
- 3 of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.