

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3024

Introduced by

Representatives Froelich, Kerzman, Lemieux

Senators Bercier, Krauter

1 A concurrent resolution urging the administration of the University of North Dakota to change
2 the university's sports teams' nickname.

3 **WHEREAS**, the University of North Dakota has a long and proud history of
4 intercollegiate competition; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the University of North Dakota teams deserve, and the collective wisdom
6 available at the university can agree upon, a nickname that will inspire the pride of all North
7 Dakotans, to equal the pride we have in all men and women who compete on behalf of the
8 university; and

9 **WHEREAS**, although the University of North Dakota team nickname was chosen to
10 honor a great people, it has become apparent that many North Dakotans believe the nickname
11 to be offensive, to be inappropriate, and perpetuates traditional stereotypes;

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

14 That the Fifty-sixth Legislative Assembly urges the administration of the University of
15 North Dakota to adopt a new nickname, which is respectful of all North Dakotans and of which
16 all North Dakotans can be proud, for its teams in intercollegiate competition; and

17 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this
18 resolution to the Chancellor of the University System, the President of the University of North
19 Dakota, the chair of the University Senate, the president of the University of North Dakota
20 student body, the Executive Vice President of the University of North Dakota Alumni
21 Association, the chair of the Indian studies department of the University of North Dakota, the
22 director of American Indian programs of the University of North Dakota, and the athletic director
23 of the University of North Dakota.