

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3033

Introduced by

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Senator Lyson

1 A concurrent resolution urging Congress to raise the cap on marketing loans available to
2 farmers and to adopt a cost of production index adjustment mechanism.

3 **WHEREAS**, farm families and rural communities are suffering an economic downturn
4 similar to the farm crisis of the 1980s; and

5 **WHEREAS**, farmers in this state and elsewhere have had to contend with prolonged
6 periods of disastrous weather and crop disease; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the 1996 farm bill replaced the previous system of farm income protection
8 with a set of fixed, but declining, payments unrelated to commodity prices and capped
9 commodity marketing loan rates; and

10 **WHEREAS**, providing for a cap on commodity marketing loan rates which would reflect
11 cost of production would provide immediate assistance to farm families;

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 Congress of the United States to
15 raise the cap on marketing loans available to farmers and to adopt a cost of production index
16 adjustment mechanism; and

17 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this
18 resolution to the Secretary of Agriculture, the chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee,
19 the chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, and to each member of the North Dakota
20 Congressional Delegation.