

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3033

Introduced by

Representatives Monson, Huether, D. Johnson, R. Kelsch, Lemieux, Nelson

1 A concurrent resolution urging Congress to acknowledge the difference between marijuana and
2 industrial hemp; to acknowledge that allowing and encouraging farmers to produce industrial
3 hemp will improve the balance of trade by promoting domestic sources of industrial hemp; and
4 to assist United States producers by clearly authorizing the commercial production of industrial
5 hemp and by being the leading advocate for the industrial hemp industry.

6 **WHEREAS**, industrial hemp refers to varieties of the cannabis plant which have a low
7 content of tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) and which are cultivated for fiber and oil; and

8 **WHEREAS**, industrial hemp should not be confused with varieties of cannabis which
9 have a high content of tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) and which are commonly referred to as
10 marijuana; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the commercial production and cultivation of industrial hemp is now
12 permitted in Canada, under licenses and authorizations issued by Health Canada; and

13 **WHEREAS**, Health Canada controls, through rules, all activities relating to the
14 importation, exportation, possession, production, sale, provision, transport, sending, delivering,
15 and offering for sale of industrial hemp; and

16 **WHEREAS**, industrial hemp is grown legally throughout Europe and Asia; and

17 **WHEREAS**, many farmers facing uncertain times in the agricultural marketplace view
18 the reintroduction of industrial hemp as another potential alternative crop that will have
19 long-term economic benefits to the farmers who produce the hemp and the persons who utilize
20 hemp in the production of textiles, paper products, concrete reinforcement, automobile parts,
21 plastics, cosmetics, organic foods, and natural body products; and

22 **WHEREAS**, Congress never originally intended to prohibit the production of industrial
23 hemp when restricting the production, possession, and use of marijuana;

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

1 That the Fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly urges the Congress of the United States to
2 acknowledge the difference between marijuana and industrial hemp; to acknowledge that
3 allowing and encouraging farmers to produce industrial hemp will improve the balance of trade
4 by promoting domestic sources of industrial hemp; and to assist United States producers by
5 clearly authorizing the commercial production of industrial hemp and by being the leading
6 advocate for the industrial hemp industry; and

7 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this
8 resolution to the President of the United States, the Secretary of Agriculture, the administrator
9 of the United States Department of Justice Drug Enforcement Administration, the director of the
10 Office of the National Drug Control Policy, the chairmen of the Senate and House Agriculture
11 Committees, and to each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.