

**Fifty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 4, 2005**

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3016
(Government and Veterans Affairs Committee)

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the delivery of veterans' services by the state and counties.

WHEREAS, so long as the people of this state live free there will be veterans that have sacrificed to secure that freedom; and

WHEREAS, these veterans are entitled to a number of state and federal benefits and may seek advice and aid from the Department of Veterans' Affairs or a county veterans' service officer in obtaining these benefits; and

WHEREAS, there is uncertainty as to whether the current service delivery system at the state and county level is sufficient and effective; and

WHEREAS, there are veterans' service officers in the 53 counties of this state and these officers have difficulties in the provision of services to veterans because of part-time status, lack of funding, and lack of resources; and

WHEREAS, it is difficult to find and train qualified officers and consolidation of officers may be a viable means of creating full-time, well-funded, well-qualified, well-trained, and adequately compensated veterans' service officers;

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

That the Legislative Council study the delivery of veterans' services by the state and counties; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislative Council report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the Sixtieth Legislative Assembly.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2005,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State