

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3012**

Introduced by

Representatives Mueller, R. Kelsch, Kroeber

Senators Freborg, Robinson, Taylor

1 A concurrent resolution urging the Secretary of the United States Department of Education to  
2 declare that elementary teachers licensed by the North Dakota Education Standards and  
3 Practices Board meet and exceed all requirements for being highly qualified as provided in the  
4 No Child Left Behind Act.

5 **WHEREAS**, elementary teachers in the state of North Dakota are licensed by the  
6 Education Standards and Practices Board; and

7 **WHEREAS**, after reviewing the No Child Left Behind Act, the Education Standards and  
8 Practices Board determined that elementary teachers in this state meet the requirements of the  
9 Act and are therefore highly qualified; and

10 **WHEREAS**, in order to be licensed, elementary teachers in this state must hold a  
11 baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university with a major in elementary  
12 education; and

13 **WHEREAS**, in order to obtain a major in elementary education from an institution of  
14 higher education in this state, a student must complete 40 to 68 semester hours of combined  
15 credit in reading, social studies, mathematics, and science and satisfactorily complete an  
16 approved student teaching program at an accredited elementary school; and

17 **WHEREAS**, each elementary teacher in this state is required to complete at least four  
18 semester hours of credit during each five-year period in order to maintain a teaching license;  
19 and

20 **WHEREAS**, elementary teachers in this state are dedicated, talented, committed, and  
21 highly qualified; and

22 **WHEREAS**, North Dakota elementary students are near the top of state rankings on  
23 standardized assessments;

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

Fifty-ninth  
Legislative Assembly

1           That the Fifty-ninth Legislative Assembly urges the Secretary of the United States  
2 Department of Education to revoke the earlier determination and declare that elementary  
3 teachers licensed by the North Dakota Education Standards and Practices Board meet and  
4 exceed all requirements for being highly qualified as provided in the No Child Left Behind Act;  
5 and

6           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this  
7 resolution to the President of the United States, the Secretary of the United States Department  
8 of Education, and to each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.