

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4019
(Senators Bowman, Bercier)
(Representatives Klein, Schmidt)

A concurrent resolution urging all educators to ensure that the schoolchildren of North Dakota are taught the history of the United States flag, that they are taught to respect the flag, to exercise proper flag etiquette, and to understand that the flag is the most visible and enduring symbol of the American spirit.

WHEREAS, the United States flag is unique in the deep and noble significance of its message to the entire world, a message of national independence, of individual liberty, of idealism, and of patriotism; and

WHEREAS, the United States flag incarnates for all mankind the spirit of liberty and the glorious ideal of human freedom; and

WHEREAS, the United States flag symbolizes equal opportunity for life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness and is safeguarded by the principles of duty, righteousness, and justice; and

WHEREAS, the United States flag embodies the essence of patriotism and the strength of the American nation; and

WHEREAS, on June 14, 1777, the Continental Congress passed an Act to establish an official flag for our new nation; and

WHEREAS, for more than 200 years, the United States flag has been the symbol of our nation's unity, as well as a source of pride and inspiration for millions of citizens;

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

That the Fifty-ninth Legislative Assembly urges all educators to ensure that the schoolchildren of North Dakota are taught the history of the United States flag, that they are taught to respect the flag, to exercise proper flag etiquette, and to understand that the flag is the most visible and enduring symbol of the American spirit; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State forward a copy of this resolution to the Superintendent of Public Instruction, who shall forward electronic copies to the board of each school district, each school district administrator, and the principal of each elementary and high school in this state.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

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

Secretary of State