

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4024
(Senators Krauter, Bercier, Stenehjem)
(Representatives Berg, Boucher, Kerzman)

A concurrent resolution urging Congress and the Secretary of the United States Department of the Interior to provide funding for United Tribes Technical College.

WHEREAS, United Tribes Technical College has been in continuous operation since 1969 and provides a preschool, kindergarten through grade 8 elementary school, and 20 certified and two-year technical degree programs; and

WHEREAS, United Tribes Technical College is the only intertribally controlled postsecondary vocational institution for Native Americans in the United States; and

WHEREAS, United Tribes Technical College provides comprehensive education and training programs to over 500 Native American students and 300 children from more than 15 states and 70 tribes; and

WHEREAS, United Tribes Technical College has an excellent record on job placement, averaging 80 percent in the last decade and 96 percent in 1997; and

WHEREAS, United Tribes Technical College does not receive funding under the Tribally Controlled College or University Assistance Act and must therefore rely upon the Bureau of Indian Affairs to meet its financial needs; and

WHEREAS, although a United States Department of Education study dated August 25, 2000, identified the need for over \$16 million for renovation of existing housing and instructional buildings and over \$30 million for the construction of housing and instructional buildings at United Tribes Technical College, the current administration has not included in its budget any funding for the institution's self-determination contract with the Department of the Interior, which is the base funding for United Tribes Technical College, and has provided little or no funding for improvements to campus facilities;

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

That the Fifty-ninth Legislative Assembly urges the Congress of the United States and the Secretary of the United States Department of the Interior to provide fiscal year 2006 funding in the amount of \$4.5 million for the self-determination contract the Department of the Interior has with United Tribes Technical College along with additional funding for improvements to college facilities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to the Secretary of the United States Department of the Interior, to the President of United Tribes Technical College, and to each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.

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