

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3060**

Introduced by

Representatives Klein, Berg, Boucher

Senators Stenehjem, O'Connell

(Approved by the Delayed Bills Committee)

1 A concurrent resolution urging the Department of Defense to use North Dakota for the  
2 Department of Defense's air space and special forces ground training initiatives.

3 **WHEREAS**, future special operations forces will require space with existing  
4 infrastructure and industry, with varying terrain and climates to train new nonstandard  
5 operations forces, develop and test new doctrines and tactics, and rehearse real-world  
6 scenarios; and

7 **WHEREAS**, North Dakota has the available towns and cities to train military operations  
8 on urban terrain, open remote land, and the infrastructure and industry access for targeting and  
9 securing; and

10 **WHEREAS**, North Dakota has low ongoing infrastructure or rental costs and a diverse  
11 industry base with no encroachment issues now or in the foreseeable future; and

12 **WHEREAS**, North Dakota's geography allows for real combat zone dimensions to  
13 facilitate "train as we fight" in the air and on the ground; and

14 **WHEREAS**, North Dakota has diverse terrain and four distinct seasons that allow for the  
15 replication of similar terrain and weather conditions of unstable regions of the world; and

16 **WHEREAS**, North Dakota can provide the United States military with the nation's  
17 largest overland air and ground training space which will allow for synchronized joint operations  
18 training; and

19 **WHEREAS**, North Dakota has five major Native American reservations for potential  
20 training with diverse cultures and native language challenges; and

21 **WHEREAS**, North Dakota has supportive political subdivisions and supportive populace  
22 with the highest per capita membership of United States military in the United States; and

23 **WHEREAS**, the Legislative Assembly and Governor strongly support this initiative and,  
24 by this resolution, demonstrate to the Department of Defense their commitment and ongoing  
25 support;

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

3           That the Fifty-ninth Legislative Assembly urges the Department of Defense to use North  
4 Dakota for the Department of Defense's air space and special forces ground training initiatives;  
5 and

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