

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3060  
(Representatives Klein, Berg, Boucher)  
(Senators Stenehjem, O'Connell)  
(Approved by the Delayed Bills Committee)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**WHEREAS**, North Dakota has a thriving commercial and private air service industry that could be beneficial to assisting in this initiative and the state pledges to work cooperatively to ensure all military, private, and public air service needs are met; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

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

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Secretary of State