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1 A concurrent resolution urging Congress to clearly delegate responsibility for the regulation of  
2 hydraulic fracturing to the states.

3 **WHEREAS**, hydraulic fracturing, a mechanical method of increasing the permeability of  
4 rock, thus increasing the amount of oil or gas produced from the rock, has greatly enhanced oil  
5 and gas production in North Dakota; and

6 **WHEREAS**, oil and gas production increases in North Dakota have led to growth in  
7 employment and economic development as well as promotion of energy independence for the  
8 United States; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the state of North Dakota, through the Oil and Gas Division of the Department  
10 of Mineral Resources, has proven more than capable of regulating oil and gas recovery  
11 processes and ensuring the safety of workers while protecting the environment; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the state, through the Oil and Gas Division of the Department of Mineral  
13 Resources, is best situated to closely monitor oil and gas drilling and fracturing operations to  
14 ensure they are conducted in an environmentally sound manner;

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

17 That the Sixty-second Legislative Assembly urges the Congress of the United States to  
18 clearly delegate responsibility for the regulation of hydraulic fracturing to the states; and

19 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution  
20 to the administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency and to each member of the North  
21 Dakota Congressional Delegation.

