

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3032

Introduced by

Representatives Gulleason, Berg, Boucher, Hawken

Senators Nelson, Stenehjem

1 A concurrent resolution acknowledging the actions of the 44th Legislative Assembly of North
2 Dakota and the sponsors of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 4007 affirming the equal
3 application of the United States Constitution to all citizens through the passage of the Equal
4 Rights Amendment; declaring Friday, March 9, 2007, North Dakota Equal Rights Amendment
5 Recognition Day; and encouraging a recommitment to the ratification of the Equal Rights
6 Amendment in all states and final passage in Congress.

7 **WHEREAS**, the proposed Equal Rights Amendment provides "equality of rights under
8 the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex"
9 and Congress sent the Equal Rights Amendment to the states for ratification on March 22,
10 1972; and

11 **WHEREAS**, on February 11, 1975, North Dakota became the 34th state to ratify the
12 Equal Rights Amendment, due to the efforts of a broad spectrum of supporters, including the
13 Coordinating Council for the Equal Rights Amendment, the 44th Legislative Assembly, and
14 Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 4007 sponsors Senators Redlin and Lips and
15 Representatives Homuth and Pyle; and

16 **WHEREAS**, many women worked all of their lives for a constitutional amendment
17 affirming that women had equal rights and protections under the United States Constitution,
18 including Alice Paul, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, and Susan B. Anthony; and

19 **WHEREAS**, 35 of the needed 38 states ratified the Equal Rights Amendment and
20 without ratification the United States Constitution fails to guarantee female citizens equal rights
21 and equal justice;

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

24 That the Sixtieth Legislative Assembly acknowledges the actions of the 44th Legislative
25 Assembly of North Dakota and the sponsors of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 4007

Sixtieth
Legislative Assembly

1 affirming the equal application of the United States Constitution to all citizens through the
2 passage of the Equal Rights Amendment; and

3 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Sixtieth Legislative Assembly declares Friday,
4 March 9, 2007, North Dakota Equal Rights Amendment Recognition Day; and

5 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Sixtieth Legislative Assembly encourages a
6 recommitment to the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment in all states and final passage
7 in Congress; and

8 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this
9 resolution to the Governor, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of
10 Representatives of the Congress of the United States, and to each member of the North Dakota
11 Congressional Delegation.