

**Sixty-second Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 4, 2011**

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4025
(Senators Nething, Stenehjem, Taylor)
(Representatives Carlson, DeKrey, J. Kelsh)
(Approved by the Delayed Bills Committee)

A concurrent resolution commending Assistant Attorney General Jonathan Byers for his quick and effective reaction to a serious threat to public safety, disregarding his own personal safety for the benefit of others.

WHEREAS, Jonathan Byers has held the position of Assistant Attorney General for nearly 19 years, and is presently the Division Director of the Criminal and Regulatory Division of the Attorney General's office; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Byers has a reputation, throughout the state of North Dakota, as the "go to" prosecutor for difficult and complex sexual offense and other criminal cases; and

WHEREAS, having concluded a recent week-long felony trial, Mr. Byers was confronted, in open court, by the recently convicted defendant who was brandishing a handgun; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Byers, being unarmed himself, but recognizing the seriousness and danger of the situation, did at great risk to his own personal safety, physically and forcefully subdue the defendant before the weapon could be discharged, thus preserving the safety of those present, including the judge, the jury, and the public;

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

That the Legislative Assembly commends Assistant Attorney General Jonathan Byers for his heroic actions, which exemplify the degree to which a public employee may act in the interests of the public he serves; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to Assistant Attorney General Jonathan Byers and to Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2011,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State