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(Approved by the Delayed Bills Committee)

1 A concurrent resolution requesting the Congress and the President of the United States to enact
2 legislation to expand and extend the current federal tax credit for carbon capture, utilization, and
3 storage under Section 45Q of the Internal Revenue Code; to provide appropriations to the
4 United States Department of Energy sufficient to achieve and sustain a robust carbon capture
5 research, development, demonstration, and deployment program; to support the inclusion of
6 economically and environmentally beneficial carbon capture projects in any forthcoming federal
7 infrastructure initiative; to support policies to increase the operational efficiency; and to support
8 the preservation of a fuel-diverse electric generation portfolio critical to our domestic economic,
9 energy, and national security.

10 **WHEREAS**, fossil fuels including coal, natural gas, and oil provide more than three-quarters
11 of global and United States' primary energy demand and, according to the International Energy
12 Agency, will continue to do so for the next quarter-century or more under current energy and
13 environmental policies; and

14 **WHEREAS**, recognition of the value and enduring role of fossil fuels as an essential source
15 of energy around the world and in the United States for decades to come has led environmental
16 advocates to support the accelerated development and broad deployment of carbon capture
17 technologies for fossil fuels as part of a sustainable energy future; and

18 **WHEREAS**, recognition of the role carbon capture can play in creating new opportunities
19 for fossil fuels has led fossil energy advocates to similarly support the development and
20 deployment of carbon capture technologies for fossil fuels; and

21 **WHEREAS**, the United States and North Dakota have abundant supplies of fossil energy,
22 the production and use of which provide important economic, energy, and national security
23 benefits to our nation and our state; and

24 **WHEREAS**, North Dakota is the nation's 6th largest producer of fossil energy, 2nd largest
25 producer of oil, 2nd largest producer of lignite coal, 11th largest producer of natural gas, the

1 largest consumer of coal for industrial use, and the 10th largest consumer of coal for electricity
2 generation; and

3 **WHEREAS**, according to the Department of Energy, "A diverse portfolio of energy
4 resources is critical to U.S. energy and national policy...being more robust and resilient in
5 comparison to a system that is heavily dependent on a limited set of energy resources...[and]
6 helps insulate the economy from certain risks, including price volatility and risks from supply
7 disruptions"; and

8 **WHEREAS**, reliable and affordable electricity is vital to economic growth and job creation in
9 North Dakota and the overall welfare of our citizens; and

10 **WHEREAS**, 73 percent of the electricity generated in North Dakota is produced from fossil
11 fuels and the average residential price of electricity in North Dakota is the 6th lowest in the
12 nation and is 18 percent below the national average; and

13 **WHEREAS**, continued research and development of carbon reduction strategies for fossil
14 fuels is an essential element of a forward-looking sustainable energy strategy for North Dakota,
15 our nation, and the world which will simultaneously maximize both environmental quality and
16 economic opportunity; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the Energy and Environmental Research Center at the University of North
18 Dakota, the Great Plains Synfuels Plant in Beulah, and the Lignite Energy Council are engaged
19 in efforts to address environmental, health, and economic impacts of energy production and use
20 through collaborations on applied carbon dioxide research, practical applications, workforce
21 development, and public education; and

22 **WHEREAS**, legislation was introduced in the 114th Congress to enhance and extend federal
23 tax incentives, under Section 45Q of the Internal Revenue Code, which serve to sustain and
24 promote such collaborations and to encourage private industry in energy generation,
25 manufacturing, and agriculture to adopt and deploy existing and emerging technologies that
26 increase carbon capture, utilization, and storage; and

27 **WHEREAS**, the coming together of environmental and energy advocates in support of
28 carbon capture is reflected in the groundbreaking coalition of environmental advocacy groups,
29 labor unions, and energy producers from the coal, oil and gas, ethanol, and algae-biomass
30 industries working together in support of federal legislation; and

1 **WHEREAS**, similar legislation is now under consideration in the 115th Congress, and
2 Congress and the President also are considering enactment of a large-scale federal
3 infrastructure initiative to strengthen our nation's transportation, public works, and energy
4 infrastructure that also could serve as a vehicle for advancing "jobs-ready" carbon capture
5 projects; and

6 **WHEREAS**, according to the Department of Energy, "A combination of tax incentives and
7 research, development, demonstration, and deployment will be critical to developing
8 transformational carbon capture technologies and to driving down the costs of capture";

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

11 That the Sixty-fifth Legislative Assembly requests Congress and the President of the United
12 States to enact legislation to expand and extend the current federal tax credit for carbon
13 capture, utilization, and storage under Section 45Q of the Internal Revenue Code; to provide
14 appropriations to the United States Department of Energy sufficient to achieve and sustain a
15 robust carbon capture research, development, demonstration, and deployment program; to
16 support the inclusion of economically and environmentally beneficial carbon capture projects in
17 any forthcoming federal infrastructure initiative; to support policies to increase the operational
18 efficiency, and thereby the environmental performance, of existing electric-generating units in
19 the United States; and to support the preservation of a fuel-diverse electric generation portfolio
20 critical to our domestic economic, energy, and national security; and

21 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this
22 resolution by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the President of the United States, the
23 President and Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and Clerk of the United
24 States House of Representatives, the Secretary of the United States Department of Energy, and
25 to each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.