

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3023

Introduced by

Representatives K. Koppelman, Bosch, Klemin, Louser, Pollert

Senators Burckhard, Dwyer, Wardner

1 A concurrent resolution urging Congress to propose an amendment to the United States
2 Constitution to prohibit changing the number of justices serving on the United States Supreme
3 Court and that the amendment should state the Supreme Court of the United States shall be
4 composed of nine justices.

5 **WHEREAS**, an independent United States Supreme Court is an essential element of
6 America's system of checks and balances that protects individuals' constitutional rights; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the United States Supreme Court has been composed of nine justices for more
8 than 150 years; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the President of the United States and Congress should be prohibited from
10 undermining the independence of the United States Supreme Court by changing the number of
11 justices on the United States Supreme Court;

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

14 That the Sixty-seventh Legislative Assembly urges Congress to propose an amendment to
15 the United States Constitution to prohibit changing the number of justices serving on the United
16 States Supreme Court; and that the amendment should state the Supreme Court of the United
17 States shall be composed of nine justices; and

18 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution
19 to the President of the United States, the Majority and Minority Leaders of the United States
20 Senate and the United States House of Representatives, and each member of the North Dakota
21 Congressional Delegation.