

Introduced by

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1 A concurrent resolution urging President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. to continue oil development on
2 federal land and on federal minerals.

3 **WHEREAS**, the federal government leases land to mining companies for the hydraulic
4 fracturing of natural gas on public land; and

5 **WHEREAS**, energy security is the primary reason for fossil fuel exploration on a nation's
6 own land; and

7 **WHEREAS**, when a nation pumps oil in its own vicinity, the costs of shipping, production,
8 and labor are reduced considerably; and

9 **WHEREAS**, local energy production adds jobs to the economy, often in rural places that are
10 economically depressed and need the financial assistance; and

11 **WHEREAS**, in 2018, cities, counties, and states enjoyed more than a \$4 billion surplus from
12 mining activities, and schools and infrastructure improvements in rural and economically
13 depressed areas benefited greatly from that surplus; and

14 **WHEREAS**, nearly all Americans, not just energy companies and their immediate suppliers,
15 are reaping the benefits of increasing energy production; and

16 **WHEREAS**, oil and natural gas development has occurred safely on federal land for
17 decades, while bureaucratic red tape has caused production of these resources to fall sharply
18 since 2010;

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

21 That the Sixty-seventh Legislative Assembly urges President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. to
22 continue oil development on federal land and on federal minerals; and

23 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution
24 to the President of the United States, the Majority and Minority Leaders of the United States

Sixty-seventh
Legislative Assembly

- 1 Senate and the United States House of Representatives, and each member of the North Dakota
- 2 Congressional Delegation.