

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3005

Introduced by

Representatives Schatz, Kempenich, Strinden, Dockter

Senators Krebsbach, Kannianen, Oehlke

1 A concurrent resolution urging Congress and the President of the United States to protect
2 American consumers by advancing a coordinated effort to address, promote, and provide an
3 effective and innovative solution to combat illegal, unsolicited, and unwanted robocalls.

4 **WHEREAS**, a robocall is an automated telephone call delivering a recorded message, often
5 on behalf of a telemarketing company or as part of a fraudulent scheme; and

6 **WHEREAS**, an estimated 98 million robocalls are received daily in the United States; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the Federal Communications Commission receives approximately 200,000
8 complaints each year regarding robocalls; and

9 **WHEREAS**, in 2017, the Federal Trade Commission received 4.5 million complaints about
10 unwanted calls; and

11 **WHEREAS**, according to the Federal Trade Commission, fraud from illegal, unsolicited, and
12 unwanted calls amounts to approximately \$9.5 billion annually; and

13 **WHEREAS**, small businesses in the United States waste an estimated 20 million hours per
14 year dealing with illegal, unsolicited, and unwanted robocalls, translating to at least \$475 million
15 in lost productivity annually;

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

18 That the Sixty-sixth Legislative Assembly urges Congress and the President of the United
19 States to protect American consumers by advancing a coordinated effort among the Federal
20 Trade Commission, the Federal Communications Commission, and the Federal Bureau of
21 Investigation to effectively address, promote, and provide an effective and innovative solution
22 to combat illegal, unsolicited, and unwanted robocalls; 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
25 Senate and the United States House of Representatives, each member of the Federal Trade

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Legislative Assembly

- 1 Commission, the Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission, the Director of the
- 2 Federal Bureau of Investigation, and each member of the North Dakota Congressional
- 3 Delegation.