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1 A concurrent resolution urging Congress to support policies to increase oil refining capacity in
2 the United States.

3 **WHEREAS**, rising gasoline, diesel, and jet fuel prices are contributing to high fuel prices
4 due to high crude oil prices, and the shortage of oil refinery capacity has applied upward
5 pressure on the cost of refined petroleum products; and

6 **WHEREAS**, global oil refinery capacity is over 3,000,000 barrels per day below
7 prepandemic levels and domestic refining capacity in the United States is approximately
8 1,000,000 barrels per day below prepandemic capacity; and

9 **WHEREAS**, in 2020, a refinery in Convent, Louisiana, capable of refining 211,146 barrels of
10 oil per day was powered down due to low demand, another company closed its refinery in
11 Pennsylvania after an explosion, and some refineries that were idled during the pandemic are
12 being permanently decommissioned; and

13 **WHEREAS**, annual inflation in the United States has reached 8.6 percent, the highest rate
14 since December 1981, gasoline prices have increased 48.7 percent, and fuel oil prices have
15 increased 106.7 percent, the largest increase on record; and

16 **WHEREAS**, increasing oil refining capacity, pipeline easement approvals, and federal land
17 leasing will promote increased domestic oil production and lessen the United States'
18 dependence on foreign oil sources while increasing supply at a lower cost to consumers;

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

21 That the Legislative Assembly urges the Congress to support policies that increase refining
22 capacity in the United States; and

23 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution
24 to all members of Congress and the President of the United States.