

Introduced by

Representatives Damschen, Bellew, Carlson, Monson, Roers Jones, Weisz

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1 A concurrent resolution urging the President of the United States and the United States Army
2 Corps of Engineers to expeditiously approve the easement required for the completion of the
3 Dakota Access Pipeline.

4 **WHEREAS**, the 1,172-mile Dakota Access Pipeline is projected to transport 470,000
5 barrels of oil per day, which is equivalent to more than 658 rail cars or 2,350 semi-truck loads
6 per day; and

7 **WHEREAS**, transportation of oil by pipeline is a safer method of transportation than by rail
8 or semi-truck; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the vast majority of the pipeline is situated on privately held lands with only
10 3 percent of the pipeline route requiring federal approval and only 1 percent of the pipeline route
11 impacting United States waterways; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the pipeline will be placed 92 feet below the Missouri River, which is an
13 additional 88 feet below the required depth set by the federal government; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the pipeline is constructed with extra-thick steel and double walls to prevent
15 corrosion and mitigate any possible leaks; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the pipeline is equipped with shut-off valves on both sides of the river and will
17 be monitored at all times by operations maintenance staff; and

18 **WHEREAS**, the pipeline runs along the same route as existing infrastructure, including the
19 Northern Border Gas Pipeline and an overhead utility line; and

20 **WHEREAS**, the the pipeline crosses various other rivers and streams, including the
21 Missouri River 14 miles upstream of the water intake for Williston, North Dakota, the Big Sioux
22 River near Sioux Falls, South Dakota, the Des Moines River in Iowa, and the Mississippi River;
23 and

24 **WHEREAS**, all rules and regulatory processes for permitting the pipeline were followed;
25 and

1 **WHEREAS**, the Army Corps of Engineers recommended to the Assistant Secretary of the
2 Army for Civil Works that the final easement to cross the Missouri River be granted;

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

5 That the Sixty-fifty Legislative Assembly urges the President of the United States and the
6 United States Army Corps of Engineers to expeditiously approve the easement required for the
7 completion of the Dakota Access Pipeline; and

8 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution
9 to the President of the United States, the United States Army Corps of Engineers, the Assistant
10 Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, each member of the North Dakota Congressional
11 Delegation, and the Majority and Minority Leaders of the United States House of
12 Representatives and the United States Senate.