Sixty-fourth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 6, 2015

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3008
(Representatives Streyle, Headland, Louser, Maragos, Schatz, Skarphol, Thoreson)
(Senators Armstrong, Casper, Cook, Larsen, Unruh)

A concurrent resolution urging Congress to lift the prohibition on the export of crude oil from the United States.

WHEREAS, beginning with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act of 1975, the United States Congress has prohibited the export of crude oil from the United States; and

WHEREAS, the 1970s saw high oil prices as a result of OPEC nations withholding production and a need to increase domestic energy production and supply to provide for energy independence; and

WHEREAS, the reasons for the prohibition were to preserve domestic price ceilings by preventing domestic producers from receiving higher world oil prices and to preserve a depleting domestic reserve; and

WHEREAS, directional drilling and hydraulic fracturing technologies in the Bakken Formation and other shale plays in the United States have made the United States more crude oil independent; and

WHEREAS, the United States is currently exporting over four million barrels of refined products, such as gasoline, out of the United States each day; and

WHEREAS, the continued oil production in this region and across the United States has provided the opportunity for economic growth and stability through the export of crude oil and the prohibition on exports of crude oil is no longer necessary;

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

That the Sixty-forth Legislative Assembly urges the Congress of the United States to lift the prohibition on the export of crude oil from the United States; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State forward a copy of this resolution to each member of Congress.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Filed in this office this 8th day of April, 2015,

at 8:37 o'clock A M.

Secretary of State