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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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