

Introduced by

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1 A concurrent resolution urging Congress to increase the federal minimum wage to \$10.10 per  
2 hour by 2018.

3 **WHEREAS**, the federal Fair Minimum Wage Act of 2013 would increase the minimum wage  
4 in three annual steps of ninety-five cents; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the purpose of the minimum wage is to ensure that all Americans who work  
6 full-time can afford a roof over their head and food for their family, because anyone who works  
7 full-time should not have to live in poverty; and

8 **WHEREAS**, women, who comprise nearly two-thirds of all workers paid the minimum wage  
9 or less, would benefit tremendously from an increase in the minimum wage; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the federal minimum wage, currently at \$7.25 per hour, would be over \$10.50 if  
11 the minimum wage had kept up with inflation since 1968; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the federal minimum wage would be over \$18 per hour if the minimum wage  
13 had kept up with worker productivity; and

14 **WHEREAS**, a full-time worker making the federal minimum wage and raising two children  
15 earns just \$15,080 per year, \$4,000 below the poverty line for a family of three; and

16 **WHEREAS**, increasing the spending ability of minimum wage workers through raising the  
17 federal minimum wage to \$10.10 would increase the demand for goods and services and  
18 generate \$22 billion in economic activity; and

19 **WHEREAS**, more than 600 economists, including seven Nobel laureates, signed a letter  
20 supporting an increase in the minimum wage, saying "the weight of evidence now show[s] that  
21 increases in the minimum wage have had little or no negative effect on the employment of  
22 minimum-wage workers, even during times of weakness in the labor market"; and

1       **WHEREAS**, an analysis by the Congressional Budget Office indicates that fifteen percent of  
2 America's workforce would see wages rise under a minimum wage increase, which would lift  
3 approximately 900,000 people out of poverty; and

4       **WHEREAS**, the state of North Dakota supports policies that will build an economy that  
5 works for everyone;

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

8       That the Sixty-fourth Legislative Assembly urges the Congress of the United States to  
9 increase the federal minimum wage to \$10.10 per hour by 2018; and

10       **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution  
11 to each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.