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S. RES. 528

Commemorating the 125th anniversary of North Dakota's Statehood.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 29, 2014

Mr. HOEVEN (for himself and Ms. HEITKAMP) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Commemorating the 125th anniversary of North Dakota's Statehood.

Whereas the Dakota Territory was incorporated in 1861;

Whereas President Theodore Roosevelt came to the Dakota Territory in 1883 to hunt and begin cattle ranching near Medora, North Dakota;

Whereas President Theodore Roosevelt credited the fact he was elected President to the time he spent and the experiences he had in North Dakota;

Whereas North Dakota was admitted to the Union on November 2, 1889;

Whereas the population of North Dakota grew from 2,000 in 1870 to 680,000 in 1930, and reached a State record of 730,000 people in 2014;

Whereas the battleship USS NORTH DAKOTA, the first turbine-powered ship in the United States Navy, was launched in 1908;

Whereas the North Dakota State flag, the regimental flag carried by the North Dakota Infantry in the Spanish-American War in 1898 and Philippine Island Insurrection in 1899, was designated in 1911;

Whereas the Bank of North Dakota was established in 1919 and the State mill and elevator began operating in 1922;

Whereas, in 1932, the International Peace Garden was established on the border between North Dakota and the Canadian province of Manitoba, a symbol of peace between the governments of the United States and Canada;

Whereas, in 1949, the Theodore Roosevelt National Memorial Park was dedicated, covering 3 areas of the badlands in western North Dakota;

Whereas, in 1953, President Eisenhower dedicated the Garrison Dam, the fifth-largest earthen dam in the world, which created Lake Sakakawea, the third-largest man-made lake in the United States;

Whereas North Dakota has a world-class system of higher education, which supports student development across a variety of fields, including aerospace, agriculture, architecture, education, engineering, law, medicine, and nursing;

Whereas the USS NORTH DAKOTA, a Virginia-class submarine was christened in November 2013;

Whereas North Dakota has had the lowest unemployment rate in the United States for over 5 years;

Whereas, in 2013, North Dakota was either 1st or 2nd in the United States in total agriculture production for 16 different commodities;

Whereas North Dakota is the second largest producer of oil and gas in the United States;

Whereas North Dakota produces over 1,000,000 barrels of oil each day;

Whereas the economy of North Dakota has grown faster than the economy of all other States of the United States for 4 consecutive years;

Whereas the personal income of people in North Dakota is nearly 30 percent above the national average;

Whereas, in 2012, exports from North Dakota topped \$4,000,000,000; and

Whereas the economy and communities of North Dakota has experienced unprecedented development, resulting in national recognition: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) congratulates—

3 (A) the State of North Dakota on its
4 125th anniversary; and

5 (B) the people of North Dakota for their
6 tremendous work and success in building the
7 prosperity of current and future generations liv-
8 ing in the State; and

1 (2) respectfully requests that the Secretary of
2 the Senate transmit an enrolled copy of this resolu-
3 tion to the Governor of North Dakota.

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