

Fifty-fifth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4027

Introduced by

Senators Wanzek, Kelsh

Representatives D. Johnson, Murphy, Schmidt, Wilkie

1 A concurrent resolution requesting the North Dakota Department of Transportation to study the
2 feasibility and desirability of upgrading United States Highway 281 to an all-year load-free
3 highway.

4 **WHEREAS**, United States Highway 281 extends from the Peace Garden on the
5 Canadian border to Brownsville, Texas; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the International United States Highway Association has actively promoted
7 United States Highway 281 as a corridor for commerce and 267 miles of this corridor are in this
8 state; and

9 **WHEREAS**, United States Highway 281 is heavily used the entire year to move many of
10 this state's raw and finished products; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the average annual daily traffic per day in Jamestown is 20,500 vehicles
12 per day and the annual daily truck traffic is 475 trucks per day; and

13 **WHEREAS**, 60 miles of pavement on United States Highway 281 are 30 years old or
14 older, the average age of the pavement is 22 years, and the design life for the pavement is 20
15 years;

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

18 That the North Dakota Department of Transportation be requested to study the
19 feasibility and desirability of making United States Highway 281 an all-year load-free highway.

20 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the North Dakota Department of Transportation
21 report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation to implement the
22 recommendations, to the Fifty-sixth Legislative Assembly.