

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3031**

Introduced by

Representatives Brusegaard, Berg, Nicholas

Senators Flakoll, Klein, Nichols

1 A concurrent resolution urging North Dakota State University to host the Center for Genetic  
2 Research and become a national and international leader in biotechnology research.

3 **WHEREAS**, the state of North Dakota is the number one state in the nation in the  
4 production of durum and hard red spring wheat; and

5 **WHEREAS**, North Dakota wheat producers have suffered economic losses in excess of  
6 \$870,000,000 during the 1999-2001 crop years due to wheat diseases; and

7 **WHEREAS**, biotechnology holds great promise for the future in fighting wheat diseases;  
8 and

9 **WHEREAS**, questions continue to be raised about the safety of transgenic crops and  
10 where research will be conducted to provide scientific answers to those questions; and

11 **WHEREAS**, programs at North Dakota State University include a comprehensive  
12 research and development plan for wheat and durum that includes research and analysis  
13 necessary for making recommendations regarding new transgenic varieties, including the  
14 advisability and timing of their release; research and analysis necessary for making  
15 recommendations regarding the proper handling, production, and disposition of new transgenic  
16 varieties; and research and analysis necessary for making recommendations regarding the  
17 transportation, marketing, and testing of transgenic varieties; and

18 **WHEREAS**, a Center for Genetic Research located at North Dakota State University  
19 would advance new uses of biotechnology to develop superior crop varieties and at the same  
20 time provide protection against any potential negative economic or health effects arising from  
21 the development of such technology;

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

1           That the Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly urges North Dakota State University to host  
2 the Center for Genetic Research and become a national and international leader in  
3 biotechnology research; and  
4           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this  
5 resolution to the State Board of Higher Education and the president of North Dakota State  
6 University.