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Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

FIRST ENGROSSMENT with Senate Amendments

ENGROSSED HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3041

Introduced by

Representatives Warner, N. Johnson, Martinson Senators Fischer, Lyson, Taylor

| 1 | A concurrent resolution urging the President of the United States, Secretary of the Army, and |
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| 2 | the United States Army Corps of Engineers to improve, rehabilitate, and repair visitor facilities, |
| 3 | event sites, and other areas within their jurisdiction in North Dakota expected to experience |
| 4 | significant increases in visitation as a result of the bicentennial commemoration of the Lewis |
| 5 | and Clark Expedition. |
| 6 | WHEREAS, in the year 2002 the United States Army Corps of Engineers identified a |
| 7 | \$25 million need and promised to aggressively pursue funding for the improvement, |
| 8 | rehabilitation, and repair of Lewis and Clark Expedition facilities on the Lewis and Clark route |
| 9 | on the Missouri River; and |
| 10 | WHEREAS, the United States Army Corps of Engineers prioritized the locations for |
| 11 | upgrading according to the level of importance to the original Lewis and Clark Expedition; and |
| 12 | WHEREAS, the United States Army Corps of Engineers spent \$3.25 million during |
| 13 | fiscal years 2001 and 2002 and budgeted \$1.3 million for fiscal year 2003 for Lewis and Clark |
| 14 | preparation work, which is far less than the announced need; and |
| 15 | WHEREAS, the United States Army Corps of Engineers promised to review its overall |
| 16 | program execution to find funds and direct those funds to prioritized Lewis and Clark Expedition |
| 17 | projects; and |
| 18 | WHEREAS, the Lewis and Clark exploratory party spent more than 160 days and nights |
| 19 | in what is now North Dakota, making North Dakota one of the most significant states to the |
| 20 | expedition; and |
| 21 | WHEREAS, the Bismarck-Mandan-Washburn-Stanton and New Town, North Dakota, |
| 22 | national signature events are two of only 15 designated Lewis and Clark national signature |
| 23 | event sites in the United States of America; and |

| 1 | WHEREAS, an influx of hundreds of thousands of people from all over the nation and |
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| 2 | the world are expected to visit North Dakota to commemorate the Lewis and Clark Expedition; |
| 3 | and |
| 4 | WHEREAS, the United States Congress enacted a Demonstration Lakes Initiative of |
| 5 | which Lake Sakakawea is designated a pilot lake; |
| 6 | NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES |
| 7 | OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN: |
| 8 | That the Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly urges the President of the United States, the |
| 9 | Secretary of the Army, and the United States Army Corps of Engineers to make good on |
| 10 | representations and promises made to improve, rehabilitate, and repair facilities, event sites, |
| 11 | and other areas expected to experience significant increases in visitation as a result of the |
| 12 | bicentennial commemoration of the Lewis and Clark Expedition; and |
| 13 | BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly urges the |
| 14 | President of the United States, the Secretary of the Army, and the United States Army Corps of |
| 15 | Engineers to continue to improve, rehabilitate, and repair sites and facilities on Lake |
| 16 | Sakakawea under the provisions of the Demonstration Lakes Initiative; and |
| 17 | BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this |
| 18 | resolution to the President of the United States; Division Commander of the Northwestern |
| 19 | Division of the United States Army Corps of Engineers; the Secretary of the Army; the District |
| 20 | Engineer, Omaha District, United States Army Corps of Engineers; the Governor; and each |
| 21 | member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation. |
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