

Fifty-ninth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 4013

Introduced by

Senators Grindberg, Hacker, Nelson

Representatives Gulleason, Hawken, Svedjan

1 A concurrent resolution expressing support for the Red River Valley Research Corridor and
2 commending the broad range of private and public sector partners from the federal, state, and
3 local levels for their hard work to make the corridor a national, regional, and local success.

4 **WHEREAS**, the Red River Valley Research Corridor was conceived in 2002 with the
5 goal to expand upon the research capacity at North Dakota universities to help build and attract
6 high-tech businesses, generate new economic opportunities, and create good-paying jobs for
7 the region; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the Red River Valley Research Corridor has evolved to include a steering
9 committee composed of representatives of business, higher education, and economic
10 development to guide the concept of the corridor; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the Red River Valley Research Corridor has evolved to include a
12 coordinating center to act as a catalyst for the development and growth of science and
13 technology-based enterprises throughout North Dakota; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the partners to the Red River Valley Research Corridor include the state's
15 Congressional Delegation with special recognition of Senator Byron Dorgan and members of
16 his staff, Governor John Hoeven and members of his staff, the Department of Commerce, the
17 Bank of North Dakota, Job Service North Dakota, the State Board of Higher Education and
18 North Dakota University System with special recognition of North Dakota State University and
19 President Joseph A. Chapman and the University of North Dakota and President Charles E.
20 Kupchella, and local economic development organizations with special recognition of the
21 Fargo/Cass County Economic Development Corporation and Grand Forks Economic
22 Development Corporation; and

23 **WHEREAS**, the Red River Valley Research Corridor has brought national attention to
24 the state;

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

3 That the Fifty-ninth Legislative Assembly expresses its support for the Red River Valley
4 Research Corridor and commends the broad range of private and public sector partners from
5 the federal, state, and local levels for their hard work to make the corridor a national, regional,
6 and local success; and

7 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Secretary of State forward copies of this
8 resolution to each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation, the White House
9 Office of Science and Technology Policy, the United States Department of Commerce
10 Economic Development Administration, the National Science Foundation Directorate for
11 Education and Human Resources Office of Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive
12 Research, the Governor, the Commissioner of Commerce, the executive director of Job Service
13 North Dakota, the president of the Bank of North Dakota, each member of the State Board of
14 Higher Education, the president of each institution under the control of the State Board of
15 Higher Education, the International Economic Development Council, the Association of
16 University Research Parks, the National Business Incubation Association, the Economic
17 Development Association of North Dakota, the Fargo/Cass County Economic Development
18 Corporation, the Grand Forks Economic Development Corporation, the coordinator of the Red
19 River Valley Research Corridor Coordinating Center, and each member of the Red River Valley
20 Research Corridor Steering Committee.