

**Fifty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 4, 2005**

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3058
(Representatives Owens, Dietrich, Svedjan)
(Senators Espegard, Hacker, Holmberg)
(Approved by the Delayed Bills Committee)

A concurrent resolution urging the Federal Aviation Administration to maintain the Grand Forks Automated Flight Service Station as a federal air traffic facility properly staffed by government employees.

WHEREAS, the Grand Forks Automated Flight Service Station provides pilots with weather and aeronautical data to help them make critical and often lifesaving decisions; and

WHEREAS, whether assisting University of North Dakota student pilots, coordinating air ambulance flights to our rural communities, relaying data to commercial operators flying passengers and supplies over the state, often in the worst of weather, or assisting the military in matters of national security, the Grand Forks Automated Flight Service Station provides an invaluable service that is intimately related to the public interest; and

WHEREAS, the Grand Forks Automated Flight Service Station is responsible for the continuous monitoring of international border air space and daily support of the missions of the Minot Air Force Base, Grand Forks Air Force Base, Fargo Air National Guard, and Bismarck National Guard flight operations; and

WHEREAS, maintaining the Grand Forks Automated Flight Service Station with proper staffing levels and equipment is a fundamental necessity in the continuation of these crucial services; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Aviation Administration is primarily responsible for the safety and security of aviation;

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

That the Fifty-ninth Legislative Assembly urges the Federal Aviation Administration to maintain the Grand Forks Automated Flight Service Station as a federal air traffic facility properly staffed by government employees; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, the administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, and to each member of the United States Senate and United States House of Representatives.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2005,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State