

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4013**

Introduced by

Senators Grindberg, Hacker, Nelson

Representatives Gulleson, 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 Fargo  
21 Economic Development Corporation and Grand Forks Economic Development Corporation;  
22 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, THE**  
2   **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 Governor, the  
9   Commissioner of Commerce, the executive director of Job Service North Dakota, the president  
10   of the Bank of North Dakota, each member of the State Board of Higher Education, the  
11   president of each institution under the control of the State Board of Higher Education, the Fargo  
12   Economic Development Corporation, the Grand Forks Economic Development Corporation, the  
13   coordinator of the Red River Valley Research Corridor Coordinating Center, and each member  
14   of the Red River Valley Research Corridor Steering Committee.