

Sixty-first
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO.

Introduced by

Senator Krauter

1 A concurrent resolution recognizing the Red River Valley Research Corridor and its
2 accomplishments.

3 **WHEREAS**, the Red River Valley Research Corridor was conceived as a way to
4 promote economic development, create new jobs, and reverse the outmigration of young North
5 Dakotans leaving the state; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the Red River Valley Research Corridor initiative was officially launched by
7 Senator Byron L. Dorgan at a meeting he organized in 2002 with the presidents of North
8 Dakota's colleges and universities; and

9 **WHEREAS**, North Dakota State University and the University of North Dakota serve as
10 the anchors of the Red River Valley Research Corridor with schools and organizations from all
11 corners of the state now fully participating in the statewide initiative; and

12 **WHEREAS**, Senator Dorgan has used his position on the Senate Appropriations
13 Committee to direct more than \$500 million in federal funding between 2002 and 2008 to Red
14 River Valley Research Corridor projects; and

15 **WHEREAS**, these congressionally directed federal investments in the Red River Valley
16 Research Corridor have helped to create and expand national centers of research and
17 education in North Dakota in fields including hydrogen, unmanned aerial vehicles, nanoscale
18 science and engineering, life sciences, high-performance computing, air toxic metals, rural
19 crime and justice, energy technology, aerospace, and nanoscience technology; and

20 **WHEREAS**, a 2006 economic impact study documented that the federal funding
21 secured by Senator Dorgan has produced \$759 million in economic activity, created more than
22 10,000 jobs, and attracted new businesses to the state; and

23 **WHEREAS**, the Red River Valley Research Corridor investments have helped North
24 Dakota become the fastest growing state in federal research and development per capita in the

1 last five years and move up 14 positions in four years in The Milken Institute's 2008 State
2 Technology and Science Index report;

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

5 That the Sixty-first Legislative Assembly commends Senator Dorgan for creating and
6 funding the Red River Valley Research Corridor, honors the North Dakota researchers and
7 research institutions involved in the cutting-edge Red River Valley Research Corridor projects,
8 and recognizes the enormous economic impact the Red River Valley Research Corridor has
9 had on the North Dakota economy; and

10 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward an enrolled copy of
11 this resolution to Senator Byron L. Dorgan.