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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3025

Page 2, line 2, after the semicolon insert "and

**WHEREAS**, the success of the Red River Valley Research Corridor could not have happened without the visionary efforts of the Higher Education Roundtable, which was formed in 1999, and early in its efforts recognized the need to increase the state's economic development and through prosperity to improve the quality of life for North Dakotans; and

**WHEREAS**, the success of the Red River Valley Research Corridor could not have happened without the support of the North Dakota Legislative Assembly, which understood the ability of and provided flexibility to the colleges and universities so that they could fulfill their core teaching and learning missions while at the same time forging new public and private sector partnerships that could enable the commercialization of university research; and

**WHEREAS**, the success of the Red River Valley Research Corridor could not have happened without the distinguished leadership of Governor John Hoeven who tirelessly promoted the concept that the state's colleges and universities are the principal drivers behind successful economic development efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, the success of the Red River Valley Research Corridor could not have happened without the initiative, commitment, and enterprising spirit of the business and civic leaders in Fargo, Grand Forks, and the other research corridor communities;"

Renumber accordingly