

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 out-migration of young North
5 Dakotans leaving the state; and

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

9 **WHEREAS**, North Dakota State University and the University of North Dakota serve as
10 the anchors of the Research Corridor with schools and organizations from all corners of the
11 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 to the Red River Valley
16 Research Corridor have helped to create and expand national centers of research and
17 education in North Dakota in areas 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**, 2006 economic impact study documented that the federal funding secured
21 by Senator Dorgan has produced \$759 million in economic activity, created more than 10,000
22 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 Research Corridor projects, and recognizes
8 the enormous economic impact the Research Corridor has had on the North Dakota economy.