

**Sixty-sixth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota  
In Regular Session Commencing Thursday, January 3, 2019**

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3057  
(Representatives Mock, D. Anderson, C. Johnson, Vetter)  
(Senators Meyer, Vedaa)  
(Approved by the Delayed Bills Committee)

A concurrent resolution to recognize and congratulate the North Dakota Mill and Elevator Association on its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**WHEREAS**, the North Dakota Industrial Commission was established with the passage of House Bill No. 17 on February 25, 1919, comprised of the Governor, Attorney General, and Commissioner of Agriculture and Labor, and was designated as the manager of certain utilities, industries, enterprises and business projects on behalf of North Dakota; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Dakota Mill and Elevator Association was established with the passage of Senate Bill No. 20 on February 25, 1919, as a result of a long battle waged by farmers and progressives in an attempt to break the grain trade monopoly, have some control over pricing and grading of grain and for the purpose of encouraging and promoting agriculture, commerce, and industry; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Dakota Industrial Commission began the experiment of a state-owned mill in 1919 with the purchase of a small flour mill in Drake, North Dakota, with a daily capacity of 125 barrels per day; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 21, 1919, A. C. Townsley, founder and president of the Nonpartisan League, announced the State Mill and Elevator would be built in Grand Forks on land donated by the city; and

**WHEREAS**, at 11:00 a.m. on October 30, 1922, the first electronic mills of the State Mill and Elevator were turned on by Governor R. A. Nestos at the grand opening ceremony in front of 2,500 guests; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 28, 1970, a severe fire engulfed the top floors of the State Mill and Elevator, resulting in an 18-month suspension of operations while the building was salvaged and repaired; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 31, 1972, Governor William Guy presided over a rededication of the State Mill and Elevator which allowed operations to resume; and

**WHEREAS**, the State Mill and Elevator began with a daily production of 3,000 barrels per day in 1922 and grew into the largest flour mill in the United States, the 7<sup>th</sup> largest wheat milling company in the United States, and the only state-owned mill and elevator in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the State Mill and Elevator grinds 33 million bushels of top quality spring wheat and durum per year and has the capacity to store 5 million bushels of grain; and

**WHEREAS**, the State Mill and Elevator ships "Dakota Maid" products nationwide and exports flour to customers throughout the Caribbean Islands and the Pacific Rim, and emphasizes plant and food safety, product quality, and customer service; and

**WHEREAS**, the employees organized a local union under the American Federation of Grain Millers in the late 1940s, which merged and became the Bakery, Confectionery, Tobacco Workers and Grain Millers Local 167G in 1999; and

**WHEREAS**, the State Mill and Elevator remains a national leader in safety and efficiency of operations thanks to regular training and a commitment to quality of service by workers and management alike; and

**WHEREAS**, in fiscal year 2018, the State Mill and Elevator reported a direct economic impact to the region of \$255 million and a secondary economic impact of \$592 million; and

**WHEREAS**, for more than 80 years the State Mill and Elevator has turned regular profits and contributed surplus funds to the general fund to benefit the lives of all North Dakotans; and

**WHEREAS**, the State Mill and Elevator is a North Dakota fixture that makes a strong contribution to the economy of our state; and

**WHEREAS**, we honor the North Dakota Mill and Elevator Association for its 100 years of service and thank the State Mill and Elevator's current and past hardworking employees for their ongoing dedication to achieving continuous improvement and their commitment to fulfilling the State Mill and Elevator's mission;

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

That the Sixty-sixth Legislative Assembly recognizes and congratulates the North Dakota Mill and Elevator Association on its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to members of the North Dakota Industrial Commission, manager of the State Mill, President of the Bakery, Confectionery, Tobacco Workers and Grain Millers International Union, and members of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.

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Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

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Secretary of the Senate