

**Fifty-fifth Legislative Assembly, State of North Dakota, begun in the Capitol in the City of Bismarck, on Monday, the sixth day of January, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-seven**

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4027  
(Senators Wanzek, Kelsh)  
(Representatives D. Johnson, Murphy, Schmidt, Wilkie)

A concurrent resolution requesting the North Dakota Department of Transportation to study the feasibility and desirability of upgrading United States Highway 281 to an all-year load-free highway.

**WHEREAS**, United States Highway 281 extends from the Peace Garden on the Canadian border to Brownsville, Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, the International United States Highway Association has actively promoted United States Highway 281 as a corridor for commerce and 267 miles of this corridor are in this state; and

**WHEREAS**, United States Highway 281 is heavily used the entire year to move many of this state's raw and finished products; and

**WHEREAS**, the average annual daily traffic per day in Jamestown is 20,500 vehicles per day and the annual daily truck traffic is 475 trucks per day; and

**WHEREAS**, 60 miles of pavement on United States Highway 281 are 30 years old or older, the average age of the pavement is 22 years, and the design life for the pavement is 20 years;

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

That the North Dakota Department of Transportation be requested to study the feasibility and desirability of making United States Highway 281 an all-year load-free highway; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the North Dakota Department of Transportation report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation to implement the recommendations, to the Fifty-sixth Legislative Assembly.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

Filed in this office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1997,  
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Secretary of State