

Fifty-sixth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

**ENGROSSED SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 4024**

Introduced by

Senators T. Mathern, G. Nelson

Representatives Boucher, Dorso

1 A concurrent resolution designating Sakakawea to be honored and memorialized with a statue
2 in the National Statuary Hall in the United States Capitol in Washington, D.C.

3 **WHEREAS**, Sakakawea was a traveler and guide, a translator, a diplomat, and a wife
4 and mother; and

5 **WHEREAS**, Sakakawea was an Indian woman guide for Meriwether Lewis and William
6 Clark and Sakakawea's indomitable spirit was a deciding factor in the success of Lewis and
7 Clark's two-year expedition to the northwest quadrant of the United States; and

8 **WHEREAS**, William Clark wrote in 1806 that Sakakawea deserved a greater reward for
9 her attention and services on the expedition than he had in his power to give her; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Sakakawea is a legend of truly historic dimensions who lived in what would
11 later become North Dakota and who made a lasting contribution through her courage and
12 resourcefulness; and

13 **WHEREAS**, Sakakawea's traits - strength, courage, a generous heart, and pioneering
14 spirit - have been an essential part of the character found in North Dakotans, thereby
15 representing the best of who we are and why we will always persevere;

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

18 That the Fifty-sixth Legislative Assembly designate Sakakawea to be honored and
19 memorialized with a statue in the National Statuary Hall in the United States Capitol in
20 Washington, D.C.; and

21 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this
22 resolution to the chairman of each Indian tribe in this state, to each member of the North
23 Dakota Congressional Delegation, and to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the
24 House of Representatives of the United States Congress.