

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3031

Introduced by

Representatives Brusegaard, Berg, Nicholas

Senators Flakoll, Klein, Nichols

1 A concurrent resolution urging North Dakota State University to host the Center for Genetic
2 Research and become a national and international leader in biotechnology research.

3 **WHEREAS**, the state of North Dakota is the number one state in the nation in the
4 production of durum and hard red spring wheat; and

5 **WHEREAS**, North Dakota wheat producers have suffered economic losses in excess of
6 \$870,000,000 during the 1999-2001 crop years due to wheat diseases; and

7 **WHEREAS**, biotechnology holds great promise for the future in fighting wheat diseases;
8 and

9 **WHEREAS**, questions continue to be raised about the safety of transgenic crops and
10 where research will be conducted to provide scientific answers to those questions; and

11 **WHEREAS**, programs at North Dakota State University include a comprehensive
12 research and development plan for wheat and durum that includes research and analysis
13 necessary for making recommendations regarding new transgenic varieties, including the
14 advisability and timing of their release; research and analysis necessary for making
15 recommendations regarding the proper handling, production, and disposition of new transgenic
16 varieties; and research and analysis necessary for making recommendations regarding the
17 transportation, marketing, and testing of transgenic varieties; and

18 **WHEREAS**, a Center for Genetic Research located at North Dakota State University
19 would advance new uses of biotechnology to develop superior crop varieties and at the same
20 time provide protection against any potential negative economic or health effects arising from
21 the development of such technology;

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

Fifty-eighth
Legislative Assembly

1 That the Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly urges North Dakota State University to host
2 the Center for Genetic Research and become a national and international leader in
3 biotechnology research; and

4 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this
5 resolution to the State Board of Higher Education and the president of North Dakota State
6 University.