

**Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota  
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 7, 2003**

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3031  
(Representatives Brusegaard, Berg, Nicholas)  
(Senators Flakoll, Klein, Nichols)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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

Filed in this office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2003,  
at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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Secretary of State