

FIRST ENGROSSMENT

Fifty-eighth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

**ENGROSSED HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 3051**

Introduced by

Representatives Gulleason, Nelson, Solberg

Senators Grindberg, Heitkamp, Taylor

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study economic development efforts
2 associated with and including establishment of a Red River Valley business and technology
3 development zone and methods through which programs receiving funding from the United
4 States Department of Agriculture rural economic area partnership, empowerment zone,
5 enterprise community, and champion community programs can be enhanced.

6 **WHEREAS**, technology zones in other states have been used to stimulate the growth of
7 technology-based businesses and jobs by aiding in the creation of recognized clusters of new
8 and emerging businesses; and

9 **WHEREAS**, businesses and communities in this state have received funding assistance
10 from the United States Department of Agriculture rural economic area partnership,
11 empowerment zone, enterprise community, and champion community programs; and

12 **WHEREAS**, establishment of technology zones such as a Red River Valley business
13 and technology development zone and development of rural economic area partnerships and
14 empowerment zones could provide needed economic development in the state; and

15 **WHEREAS**, enhancement of current state economic development programs is needed
16 to assist entrepreneurs and communities in the state;

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

19 That the Legislative Council study economic development efforts associated with and
20 including establishment of a Red River Valley business and technology development zone and
21 methods through which programs receiving funding from the United States Department of
22 Agriculture rural economic area partnership, empowerment zone, enterprise community, and
23 champion community programs can be enhanced; and

- 1 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Council report its findings and
- 2 recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to
- 3 the Fifty-ninth Legislative Assembly.