

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3041

Introduced by

Representatives Warner, N. Johnson, Martinson

Senators Fischer, Lyson, Taylor

1 A concurrent resolution urging the President of the United States, Secretary of the Army, and
2 the United States Army Corps of Engineers to improve, rehabilitate, and repair visitor facilities,
3 event sites, and other areas within their jurisdiction in North Dakota expected to experience
4 significant increases in visitation as a result of the bicentennial commemoration of the Lewis
5 and Clark Expedition.

6 **WHEREAS**, in the year 2002 the United States Army Corps of Engineers identified a
7 \$25 million need and promised to aggressively pursue funding for the improvement,
8 rehabilitation, and repair of Lewis and Clark Expedition facilities on the Lewis and Clark route
9 on the Missouri River; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the United States Army Corps of Engineers prioritized the locations for
11 upgrading according to the level of importance to the original Lewis and Clark Expedition; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the United States Army Corps of Engineers spent \$3.25 million during fiscal
13 years 2001 and 2002 and budgeted \$1.3 million for fiscal year 2003 for Lewis and Clark
14 preparation work, which is far less than the announced need; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the United States Army Corps of Engineers promised to review its overall
16 program execution to find funds and direct those funds to prioritized Lewis and Clark Expedition
17 projects; and

18 **WHEREAS**, the Lewis and Clark exploratory party spent more than 160 days and nights
19 in what is now North Dakota, making North Dakota one of the most significant states to the
20 expedition; and

21 **WHEREAS**, the Bismarck-Mandan-Washburn-Stanton and New Town, North Dakota,
22 national signature events are two of only 15 designated Lewis and Clark national signature
23 event sites in the United States of America; and

24 **WHEREAS**, an influx of hundreds of thousands of people from all over the nation and
25 the world are expected to visit North Dakota to commemorate the Lewis and Clark Expedition;

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

3 That the Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly urges the President of the United States, the
4 Secretary of the Army, and the United States Army Corps of Engineers to make good on
5 representations and promises made to improve, rehabilitate, and repair facilities, event sites,
6 and other areas expected to experience significant increases in visitation as a result of the
7 bicentennial commemoration of the Lewis and Clark Expedition; and

8 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this
9 resolution to the President of the United States; Division Commander of the Missouri River
10 Division of the United States Army Corps of Engineers; the Secretary of the Army; the District
11 Engineer, Omaha District, United States Army Corps of Engineers; the Governor; and each
12 member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.