

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3041
(Representatives Warner, N. Johnson, Martinson)
(Senators Fischer, Lyson, Taylor)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the United States Congress enacted a Demonstration Lakes Initiative of which Lake Sakakawea is designated a pilot lake;

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

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly urges the President of the United States, the Secretary of the Army, and the United States Army Corps of Engineers to continue to improve, rehabilitate, and repair sites and facilities on Lake Sakakawea under the provisions of the Demonstration Lakes Initiative; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to the President of the United States; Division Commander of the Northwestern Division of the United States Army Corps of Engineers; the Secretary of the Army; the District Engineer, Omaha District,

United States Army Corps of Engineers; the Governor; and each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

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

Secretary of State