

**Sixty-first Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 6, 2009**

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3025
(Representatives Myxter, Gruchalla, Potter)
(Senators Bakke, Mathern, Pomeroy)

A concurrent resolution recognizing the Red River Valley Research Corridor and its accomplishments.

WHEREAS, the Red River Valley Research Corridor was conceived as a way to promote economic development, create new jobs, and reverse the outmigration of young North Dakotans leaving the state; and

WHEREAS, the Red River Valley Research Corridor initiative was officially launched by Senator Byron L. Dorgan at a meeting he organized in 2002 with the presidents of North Dakota's colleges and universities; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota State University and the University of North Dakota serve as the anchors of the Red River Valley Research Corridor with schools and organizations from all corners of the state now fully participating in the statewide initiative; and

WHEREAS, Senator Dorgan has used his position on the Senate Appropriations Committee to direct more than \$500 million in federal funding between 2002 and 2008 to Red River Valley Research Corridor projects; and

WHEREAS, these congressionally directed federal investments in the Red River Valley Research Corridor have helped to create and expand national centers of research and education in North Dakota in fields including hydrogen, unmanned aerial vehicles, nanoscale science and engineering, life sciences, high-performance computing, air toxic metals, rural crime and justice, energy technology, aerospace, and nanoscience technology; and

WHEREAS, a 2006 economic impact study documented that the federal funding secured by Senator Dorgan has produced \$759 million in economic activity, created more than 10,000 jobs, and attracted new businesses to the state; and

WHEREAS, the Red River Valley Research Corridor investments have helped North Dakota become the fastest growing state in federal research and development per capita in the last five years and move up 14 positions in four years in The Milken Institute's 2008 State Technology and Science Index report;

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

That the Sixty-first Legislative Assembly commends Senator Dorgan for creating and funding the Red River Valley Research Corridor, honors the North Dakota researchers and research institutions involved in the cutting-edge Red River Valley Research Corridor projects, and recognizes the enormous economic impact the Red River Valley Research Corridor has had on the North Dakota economy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State forward an enrolled copy of this resolution to Senator Byron L. Dorgan.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2009,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State