Sixty-fifth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 3, 2017

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4014
(Senators Holmberg, Meyer, Wardner, Heckaman)
(Representatives Carlson, Mock)
(Approved by the Delayed Bills Committee)

A concurrent resolution supporting the development of the unmanned aircraft systems industry in North Dakota and throughout the United States, congratulating the Federal Aviation Administration on the first Beyond Visual Line of Sight Certificate of Authorization in the United States, and encouraging further cooperation with the Federal Aviation Administration to safely integrate unmanned aircraft systems into the national airspace.

WHEREAS, North Dakota has made significant investments in the unmanned aircraft systems industry in technology, permitting, process, and economic development, including the Northern Plains Unmanned Aircraft Systems Test Site, Grand Sky Business Park, and North Dakota University System, which have led to successes of startup unmanned aircraft systems companies and other private sector economic investment in the state; and

WHEREAS, the Northern Plains Unmanned Aircraft Systems Test Site was chosen as a Federal Aviation Administration unmanned aircraft systems test site in December 2013, and was the first test site to conduct unmanned aircraft systems flights in May 2014; and

WHEREAS, the state desires to grow the unmanned aircraft systems industry and assist traditional industries, such as agriculture and energy, to grow through the use of unmanned aircraft systems; and

WHEREAS, the state desires to attract unmanned aircraft systems companies to invest in and employ the hard working people of the state to take advantage of the tremendous capabilities of unmanned aircraft systems to support infrastructure, rail and highway transportation, agriculture, energy, public safety, and natural resource management; and

WHEREAS, the state desires to speak with one voice to the unmanned aircraft systems industry through the Legislative Assembly and the Governor to promote the unmanned aircraft systems industry across the nation and to serve as the model for all states to properly implement rules and procedures for the safe integration of unmanned aircraft systems into the national airspace; and

WHEREAS, the Northern Plains Unmanned Aircraft Systems Test Site and the Federal Aviation Administration have collaborated to create the first Beyond Visual Line of Sight Certificate of Authorization, and in partnership with Grand Sky and the United States Air Force seek to put that Certificate of Authorization into public use; and

WHEREAS, the successes in this state may serve as a model for the Federal Aviation Administration to expand the geographic reach of the recently approved Certificate of Authorization to broaden the research, development, testing, evaluation, engineering, and training opportunities necessary to support unmanned aircraft systems growth in the state and across the country;

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

That the Sixty-fifth Legislative Assembly supports the development of the unmanned aircraft systems industry in North Dakota and throughout the United States, congratulates the Federal Aviation Administration on the first Beyond Visual Line of Sight Certificate of Authorization in the United States, and encourages further cooperation with the Federal Aviation Administration to safely integrate unmanned aircraft systems into the national airspace; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration and to each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.

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President of the Senate	Speaker of the House
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Secretary of the Senate	Chief Clerk of the House

Filed in this office this _____day of _____, 2017,

at _____ o'clock _____M.

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Secretary of State