

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3035

Page 1, line 1, after "resolution" replace the remainder of the resolution with "recognizing the valuable contribution that the North Dakota Mill and Elevator Association has made to the primary agricultural sector of this state, to the economies that support agriculture, and to all North Dakota citizens.

WHEREAS, the North Dakota Mill and Elevator Association is located in the city of Grand Forks and is the largest flour mill in the United States and the only state-owned milling facility; and

WHEREAS, in the early 1900s, North Dakota farmers were forced to pay high freight costs to ship their grain to Minneapolis and to endure what many considered to be unfair business practices both by the railroads and Minnesota milling facilities; and

WHEREAS, the North Dakota Mill and Elevator Association came into existence on October 22, 1922, to address farmers' problems by functioning as a value-added market for North Dakota wheat; and

WHEREAS, the North Dakota Mill and Elevator Association includes six milling units, a terminal elevator, and a packing warehouse; and

WHEREAS, the North Dakota Mill and Elevator Association produces and ships 3,400,000 pounds of milled products daily; over 1,100,000 pounds of food-grade bran and wheat midds daily; and cleans, processes, and mills over 78,000 bushels of top quality North Dakota wheat daily; and

WHEREAS, the North Dakota Mill and Elevator Association has storage capacity for 4,300,000 bushels of wheat; and

WHEREAS, over 90 percent of sales revenues are derived from customers outside North Dakota, thereby creating value-added income for this state; and

WHEREAS, the North Dakota Mill and Elevator Association supports the local economy with a payroll of \$7.8 million and supply purchases of \$7.3 million annually; and

WHEREAS, the North Dakota Mill and Elevator Association continues to be a valuable asset to this state;

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

That the Sixty-first Legislative Assembly recognizes the valuable contribution that the North Dakota Mill and Elevator Association has made to the primary agricultural sector of this state, to the economies that support agriculture, and to all North Dakota citizens; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to the North Dakota Mill and Elevator Association and to the State Historical Society of North Dakota."

Renumber accordingly