

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4024

Introduced by

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1 A concurrent resolution designating Sakakawea to be honored and memorialized with a statue
2 in the National Statuary Hall in the United States Capitol in Washington, D.C.

3 **WHEREAS**, Sakakawea was a traveler and guide, a translator, a diplomat, and a wife
4 and mother; and

5 **WHEREAS**, Sakakawea was an Indian woman guide for Meriwether Lewis and William
6 Clark and Sakakawea's indomitable spirit was a deciding factor in the success of Lewis and
7 Clark's two-year expedition to the northwest quadrant of the United States; and

8 **WHEREAS**, William Clark wrote in 1806 that Sakakawea deserved a greater reward for
9 her attention and services on the expedition than he had in his power to give her; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Sakakawea is a legend of truly historic dimensions who lived in North
11 Dakota and who made a lasting contribution through her courage and resourcefulness; and

12 **WHEREAS**, Sakakawea's traits - strength, courage, a generous heart, and pioneering
13 spirit - have been an essential part of the character found in North Dakotans, thereby
14 representing the best of who we are and why we will always persevere;

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

17 That the Fifty-sixth Legislative Assembly designate Sakakawea to be honored and
18 memorialized with a statue in the National Statuary Hall in the United States Capitol in
19 Washington, D.C.; and

20 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this
21 resolution to the chairman of each Indian tribe in this state, to each member of the North Dakota
22 Congressional Delegation, and to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of
23 Representatives of the United States Congress.