

Fifty-sixth Legislative Assembly, State of North Dakota, begun in the Capitol in the City of Bismarck, on Tuesday, the fifth day of January, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-nine

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4024
(Senators T. Mathern, G. Nelson)
(Representatives Boucher, Dorso)

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Sakakawea is a legend of truly historic dimensions who lived in what would later become North Dakota and who made a lasting contribution through her courage and resourcefulness; and

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

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

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

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

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 1999,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State