

**Fifty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 4, 2005**

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4013
(Senators Grindberg, Hacker, Nelson)
(Representatives Gulleeson, Hawken, Svedjan)

A concurrent resolution expressing support for the Red River Valley Research Corridor and commending the broad range of private and public sector partners from the federal, state, and local levels for their hard work to make the corridor a national, regional, and local success.

WHEREAS, the Red River Valley Research Corridor was conceived in 2002 with the goal to expand upon the research capacity at North Dakota universities to help build and attract high-tech businesses, generate new economic opportunities, and create good-paying jobs for the region; and

WHEREAS, the Red River Valley Research Corridor has evolved to include a steering committee composed of representatives of business, higher education, and economic development to guide the concept of the corridor; and

WHEREAS, the Red River Valley Research Corridor has evolved to include a coordinating center to act as a catalyst for the development and growth of science and technology-based enterprises throughout North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, the partners to the Red River Valley Research Corridor include the state's Congressional Delegation with special recognition of Senator Byron Dorgan and members of his staff, Governor John Hoeven and members of his staff, the Department of Commerce, the Bank of North Dakota, Job Service North Dakota, the State Board of Higher Education and North Dakota University System with special recognition of North Dakota State University and President Joseph A. Chapman and the University of North Dakota and President Charles E. Kupchella, and local economic development organizations with special recognition of the Fargo/Cass County Economic Development Corporation and Grand Forks Economic Development Corporation; and

WHEREAS, the Red River Valley Research Corridor has brought national attention to the state;

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

That the Fifty-ninth Legislative Assembly expresses its support for the Red River Valley Research Corridor and commends the broad range of private and public sector partners from the federal, state, and local levels for their hard work to make the corridor a national, regional, and local success; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation, the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, the United States Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration, the National Science Foundation Directorate for Education and Human Resources Office of Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research, the Governor, the Commissioner of Commerce, the executive director of Job Service North Dakota, the president of the Bank of North Dakota, each member of the State Board of Higher Education, the president of each institution under the control of the State Board of Higher Education, the International Economic Development Council, the Association of University Research Parks, the National Business Incubation Association, the Economic Development Association of North Dakota, the Fargo/Cass County Economic Development Corporation, the Grand Forks Economic Development Corporation, the coordinator of the Red River Valley Research Corridor Coordinating Center, and each member of the Red River Valley Research Corridor Steering Committee.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2005,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State