

**Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 7, 2003**

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3051
(Representatives Guleson, Nelson, Solberg)
(Senators Grindberg, Heitkamp, Taylor)

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study economic development efforts associated with and including establishment of a Red River Valley business and technology development zone and methods through which programs receiving funding from the United States Department of Agriculture rural economic area partnership, empowerment zone, enterprise community, and champion community programs can be enhanced.

WHEREAS, technology zones in other states have been used to stimulate the growth of technology-based businesses and jobs by aiding in the creation of recognized clusters of new and emerging businesses; and

WHEREAS, businesses and communities in this state have received funding assistance from the United States Department of Agriculture rural economic area partnership, empowerment zone, enterprise community, and champion community programs; and

WHEREAS, establishment of technology zones such as a Red River Valley business and technology development zone and development of rural economic area partnerships and empowerment zones could provide needed economic development in the state; and

WHEREAS, enhancement of current state economic development programs is needed to assist entrepreneurs and communities in the state;

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

That the Legislative Council study economic development efforts associated with and including establishment of a Red River Valley business and technology development zone and methods through which programs receiving funding from the United States Department of Agriculture rural economic area partnership, empowerment zone, enterprise community, and champion community programs can be enhanced; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislative Council report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the Fifty-ninth Legislative Assembly.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2003,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State