

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3004

Introduced by

Representatives Becker, Christensen, Jones, Kading, Paur

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1 A concurrent resolution urging the Department of Transportation to use dynamic message signs
2 solely for weather-related, road condition, emergency, work zone, and missing persons
3 messages.

4 **WHEREAS**, dynamic message signs provide information to the motoring public through an
5 electronic display; and

6 **WHEREAS**, messages on these signs may be changed depending on the circumstances;
7 and

8 **WHEREAS**, the intent of these messages often is a governmental attempt to modify
9 people's behavior and promote social conformity; and

10 **WHEREAS**, this state has 30 portable dynamic message signs used primarily for work
11 zones, and 46 permanent dynamic message signs; and

12 **WHEREAS**, using the signs for messages not necessary contradicts other regulations of
13 signs which provide for the beautification of the highway system; and

14 **WHEREAS**, displaying unnecessary messages creates a distraction to the driver when the
15 the Department of Transportation should be promoting nondistracted driving; and

16 **WHEREAS**, these signs can be obtrusive and distracting when not used with proper
17 discretion;

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

20 That the Sixty-seventh Legislative Assembly urges the Department of Transportation to use
21 dynamic message signs solely for weather-related, road condition, emergency, work zone, and
22 missing persons messages; and

23 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward a copy of this resolution
24 to the Director of the Department of Transportation.