

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3007

Introduced by

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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**, this state has 30 portable dynamic message signs, which are used primarily for
9 work zones, and 30 permanent dynamic message signs; and

10 **WHEREAS**, using the signs for messages that are not necessary contradicts other
11 regulations of signs which provide for the beautification of the highway system; and

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

14 **WHEREAS**, these signs can be obtrusive, distracting, and Orwellian when not used with
15 proper discretion;

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

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

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