

**SENATE CONCURRENT MEMORIAL  
RESOLUTION NO. 8002**

Introduced by

Senators Flakoll, Christmann, Klein, O'Connell, Wardner, Carlisle

Representatives Carlson, Delmore, Nathe, Weiler

(Approved by the Delayed Bills Committee)

1 A Senate concurrent memorial resolution for Senator Bob Stenehjem.

2 **WHEREAS**, Bob Stenehjem was first elected to the North Dakota Senate in 1992 and was  
3 chosen to serve as its majority leader in 2001, a position he held without interruption until his  
4 untimely death in 2011; and

5 **WHEREAS**, Senator Stenehjem was a rare person who could see the big picture and take  
6 the many small steps that are necessary to get the job done, could build the kind of constructive  
7 compromise that moved important legislation, and used his leadership and statesmanship to  
8 produce legacy legislation that will improve the quality of life for North Dakotans for generations  
9 to come; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Senator Stenehjem earned the respect and friendship of colleagues on both  
11 sides of the aisle and people throughout the State Capitol, the nation, and the world; and

12 **WHEREAS**, during his distinguished career, Senator Stenehjem was a national leader in  
13 tribal relations and transportation issues; and

14 **WHEREAS**, Senator Stenehjem treasured time with family, friends, and colleagues and  
15 exhibited a great zest for life and was passionate about politics and the great outdoors; and

16 **WHEREAS**, on July 18, 2011, we lost a very special friend when Senator Stenehjem  
17 tragically passed away; and

18 **WHEREAS**, Senator Stenehjem will be deeply missed by the many friends and colleagues  
19 he left behind, his wife Kathy, four children, and three grandchildren;

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

22 That we express our sorrow on the passing of Senator Bob Stenehjem and express our  
23 deepest sympathy to his family, friends, and colleagues; and

24 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that for the perpetuation of his memory this token of respect  
25 and sympathy by his successors in trust be printed in the Journal of the Senate and the Journal

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Legislative Assembly

- 1 of the House and that the Secretary of State present enrolled copies of this resolution to the
- 2 surviving family.