

**Sixty-second Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Special Session Commencing Monday, November 7, 2011**

SENATE CONCURRENT MEMORIAL RESOLUTION NO. 8002
(Senators Flakoll, Christmann, Klein, O'Connell, Wardner, Carlisle)
(Representatives Carlson, Delmore, Nathe, Weiler)
(Approved by the Delayed Bills Committee)

A Senate concurrent memorial resolution for Senator Bob Stenehjem.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that for the perpetuation of his memory this token of respect and sympathy by his successors in trust be printed in the Journal of the Senate and the Journal of the House and that the Secretary of State present enrolled copies of this resolution to the surviving family.

President of the Senate

Secretary of the Senate

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2011,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State