



# NORTH DAKOTA

## *Family Alliance* LEGISLATIVE ACTION

### Testimony in Support of House Bill 1403

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Dear Chairman Schauer and honorable members of the House Government and Veterans Affairs Committee,

My name is Mark Jorritsma and I am the Executive Director of North Dakota Family Alliance Legislative Action. I am testifying on behalf of our organization in support of House Bill 1403 and respectfully request that you render a “DO PASS” on this bill.

HB 1403 seeks to designate the third Friday in September each year as Prisoner of War and Missing in Action Day. North Dakota Family Alliance Legislative Action supports honoring those who were held as prisoners during armed conflict, as well as soldiers who never returned home and are classified as MIA. We believe it is fitting to designate a day to remember the incredible sacrifices of these soldiers, and we believe that as a state, our dedication to the support of our military should always be a priority. For these reasons, North Dakota Family Alliance Legislative Action asks that you please render a “DO PASS” on House Bill 1403. Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony, and feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

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