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House Government and Veterans Affairs Committee
600 E Boulevard Ave
Bismarck, ND 58505

RE: Support for SCR 4018

Chairmans Schauer and Committee Members,

My name is Cheryl Flick. I am the President of the North Dakota EMS Association. I am writing in support of the establishment of a Line of Duty Death Memorial for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) personnel on the grounds of the North Dakota State Capitol. EMS professionals risk their lives daily to ensure the health, safety, and well-being of our communities.

As a part of their jobs, EMS personnel are placed in dangerous situations. These dedicated individuals go beyond the call of duty to save lives, comfort families, and provide critical care in moments of crisis. Tragically, some of them make the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty while serving others. To honor their courage and remember those who have died in the course of their work is to recognize the vital role they play in keeping our communities safe.

A memorial placed on the Capitol grounds would serve as a powerful reminder of the risks EMS personnel face and the profound sacrifices they make. It would not only provide a place for their families, friends, and colleagues to reflect and find comfort but also as a symbol of our appreciation for the men and women who answer the call in our darkest hours. The memorial would send a clear message that we, as a state, recognize and value the contributions of all those who work in EMS, and their service is remembered and respected. North Dakota is one of the few states that do not have an EMS memorial in place.

I encourage you to support a Line of Duty Death Memorial for EMS personnel on the Capitol grounds. This memorial would be a tribute to those who have given their lives in service to others and would be an enduring symbol of our gratitude and respect. Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

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