

# Sixty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 3, 2023

## SENATE MEMORIAL RESOLUTION NO. 8001 (Memorial Resolutions Committee)

A memorial resolution for deceased members of the Senate of North Dakota.

**WHEREAS**, God has welcomed to their eternal home our former colleagues:

Jayson Leroy Graba, who served in the 52<sup>nd</sup> and 53<sup>rd</sup> Legislative Assemblies, from District 43, died October 9, 2022;

James O. "Jim" Kusler, who served in the 48<sup>th</sup> and 49<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assemblies, from District 33, died November 7, 2021;

Richard F. "Dick" Larsen, who served in the 40<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly, from District 18, died August 27, 2022;

Marvin Orlen "Marv" Mutzenberger, who served in the 55<sup>th</sup> and 56<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assemblies, from District 32, died July 19, 2021;

Donna Lou Speer Nalewaja, who served in the 50<sup>th</sup> through the 55<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assemblies, from District 45, died September 30, 2021;

James George Smykowski, who served in the 43<sup>rd</sup> through the 46<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assemblies, from District 26, died December 9, 2021;

Wayne K. Stenehjem, who served in the 47<sup>th</sup> through the 56<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assemblies, from District 42, died January 28, 2022;

Harvey Dean Tallackson, who served in the 45<sup>th</sup> through the 60<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assemblies, from District 16, died July 27, 2022;

Benjamin C. "Ben" Tollefson, who served in the 57<sup>th</sup> through the 60<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assemblies, from District 38, died December 16, 2021;

John Thomas "Jack" Traynor, who served in the 52<sup>nd</sup> through the 59<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assemblies, from District 15, died July 11, 2021;

Francis E. "Hank" Weber, who served in the 39<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly, from District 11, died October 27, 2022;

Stanley "Stan" Wright, who served in the 43<sup>rd</sup> through the 50<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assemblies, from District 4, died December 11, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, we now pause to mourn the passing of our former Senate colleagues and to honor their memories; and

**WHEREAS**, these legislators rendered outstanding service to the people of the state by their contributions to public service;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

That we express our sorrow on their passing and our appreciation, on behalf of the people of North Dakota, of the loyal and devoted service of our former colleagues; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that for the perpetuation of their memory this token of respect and sympathy by their successors in trust be printed in the Journal of the Senate and that the Secretary of State present enrolled copies of this resolution to the surviving families of these deceased Senators.

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President of the Senate

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Secretary of the Senate

Filed in this office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023,  
at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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Secretary of State