

SCR 4010-In Favor

Chairman Roers, and members of the committee, thank you for considering this piece of legislation. My name is Hunter Heck. I am from Cavalier and currently enrolled at Valley City State University to pursue a degree History Education.

This resolution came to my mind when looking at official symbols from all fifty states one day and I noticed that nine states currently have an official "state firearm." The purpose for these it seems would be historical significance. For example, Utah's is the Colt 1911, which was designed by a famous resident of the state, John Browning. Then I quickly noticed that North Dakota was not on that list. I thought to myself, "what firearm could be significant to North Dakota?"

After doing some research, I found the Winchester Model 1876 since it was famously used by President Theodore Roosevelt when he lived out in the Badlands. Roosevelt had many firearms but he had a fondness for Winchesters. Of course only one could be narrowed down to one that he did use out here in North Dakota. There is, in fact, a photograph of him out on his land with the '76. I knew that had to be the one to make as North Dakota's official state firearm.

The purpose of this is simple, historical significance to perhaps our most famous resident. After all, we have Roosevelt on everything all over the state and soon he will have a Presidential Library built right out by Medora. I believe that Teddy wouldn't mind the '76 being symbolized.

Once again, thank you for considering this resolution and I highly encourage you to pass it in both chambers and on the Governor's desk

Sincerely, Hunter Heck