

Introduced by

Senators Boschee, Klein

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1 A concurrent resolution urging the Capitol Grounds Planning Commission to initiate the planning
2 and development of a line of duty death memorial dedicated to honoring both volunteer and
3 career Emergency Medical Services personnel who have lost their lives in service to the state.

4 **WHEREAS**, Emergency Medical Services personnel, both volunteer and career, serve the
5 citizens of North Dakota with dedication and professionalism, often placing themselves in harms
6 way to provide critical care; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the nature of Emergency Medical Services work exposes individuals to
8 significant risk, leading to line of duty deaths that profoundly impact families, communities, and
9 the state; and

10 **WHEREAS**, North Dakota has a substantial Emergency Medical Services workforce,
11 including 688 paramedics, 1,703 emergency medical technicians, 1,547 emergency medical
12 responders, and 1,075 emergency vehicle operators, who collectively ensure the health and
13 safety of residents across the state; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the Capitol Grounds Planning Commission is vested with the authority to
15 approve the style, exterior construction, and site of any monument, memorial, or work of art on
16 the Capitol grounds, as well as to accept or reject gifts intended for such purposes; and

17 **WHEREAS**, establishing a memorial on the Capitol grounds would serve as a lasting tribute
18 to the Emergency Medical Services personnel who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the line
19 of duty;

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

22 That the Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly urges the Capitol Grounds Planning Commission
23 to initiate the planning and development of a line of duty death memorial dedicated to honoring
24 both volunteer and career Emergency Medical Services personnel who have lost their lives in
25 service to the state; and

1 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Capitol Grounds Planning Commission collaborate
2 with the Emergency Management Division of the Department of Health and Human Services,
3 the North Dakota Emergency Management Association, and other associated organizations to
4 ensure the memorial appropriately reflects the sacrifices of these individuals; and

5 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Capitol Grounds Planning Commission explore
6 potential funding sources, including public and private donations, grants, and other appropriate
7 sources, to finance the design, construction, and maintenance of the memorial; and

8 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of the Senate forward copies of this
9 resolution to the members of the Capitol Grounds Planning Commission and the Director of the
10 North Dakota Office of Management and Budget.