

**House Transportation Committee
69th Legislative Session
Representative Ruby-Chair**

Chairman Ruby and House Transportation Committee,

Please accept this testimony in support of HB 1173.

Intent of this bill...

- Provide lasting recognition and appreciation to the North Dakota Service Men and Women who have died for our Country in time of war.
- Specialist Dennis Federer Jr. Killed Nov. 2 when enemy forces threw a hand grenade at his Humvee during convoy operations in Duluiyah, Iraq while serving with the 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division . Spc. Ferderer was the son of Dennis Sr. and Claudina Ferderer, and had one brother. He began his Army career after graduating from New Salem High School in 2003.
 - Name included on the Global war on terrorism memorial outside Fraine Barracks.



Need for bill...

- Keep their memory alive.
- Recognition to the family and friends they left behind.
- Community involvement in the process.

I support this bill and encourage the ND 69th Legislative Assembly to allow all bridges in ND be named after a Fallen ND Service Man or Woman.

Thank you for your consideration.

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