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House Transportation Committee North Dakota House of Representatives 69th Legislative Assembly

RE: SB 2277

Dear Chairman Ruby and members of the House Transportation Committee,

The McKenzie County Board of Commissioners supports SB 2277, which would designate State Highway 200 as the North Dakota Fallen Peace Officers Memorial Highway.

A portion of State Highway 200 runs through McKenzie County and this designation would allow the ability to honor two local fallen peace officers – Watford City Police Officer Keith Braddock, who fell in the line of duty on March 20, 1996, and Loyal Township Constable Seymour "Sam" Douglass, who fell in the line of duty on October 27, 1917.

We thank the Committee for your consideration of this designation and appreciate the efforts of the Legislators who brought this forward for consideration.

Sincerely,

Howdy Lawlar, Chairman

McKenzie County Board of Commissioners