

## **Testimony in support of SCR 4018**

### **Chairperson Larson and Members of the Committee,**

My name is Bill Tuttle, I am a volunteer advanced emergency medical technician (AEMT), and squad leader with the Drayton Volunteer Ambulance Association for the past 35 years. I also volunteer and am an elected director of the northeast region of the North Dakota Emergency Medical Services Association (NDEMSEA), currently serving as memorial and awards committee chairperson.

I am writing to express our committees support for Senate Concurrent Resolution 4018 (SRC 4018). Through our committee work and meeting with other state associations we recognized we are one of a few states without a Line of Duty Death (LODD) Memorial for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) personnel who have lost their lives in service to their community and state.

As NDEMSEA memorial committee chair, we look forward to collaborating with the Capitol Grounds Planning Commission and the Emergency Medical Services Unit of the Department of Health and Human Services to develop, design, and help fund a memorial that is both aesthetically pleasing and reflects the sacrifices of EMS personnel both volunteer and career who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

For us to do this, I humbly ask for your support of SCR 4018. I also wish to thank the sponsors of SCR 4018 and members of the judiciary committee for your dedication to the State and your time and consideration of this resolution.

Respectively,

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