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SB 2297 Testimony

Senate Transportation Committee

Fort Totten Room 2/04/21 @ 2:00 pm

Chairmen Clemens members of the Senate Transportation Committee for the record my name is Richard Marcellais Senator from Rolette County District 9.

I am here this morning to testify on SB 2297– relating to designating State Highway 57 approximately 13 miles long, as the Akicita (veteran) memorial highway; and to provide a continuing appropriation.

During the 66th Legislative Assembly (2019-20) on Vietnam Veterans Day I was approached by a Vietnam Veteran from Spirit Lake Nation, asking if we could change Highway 57 to the Sioux name “Akicita” which stands for Veteran.

We had meetings with the Spirit Lake Sioux Nation, Highway Department from Devils Lake during the intern and everyone agree it was a good idea to show relationship between the Spirit Lake Nation and State of North Dakota. Spirit Lake Nation agree to provide funds for the signage, if the state would pass the bill.

Chairmen Clemens members of the Senate Transportation Committee, I urge Do Pass on Senate Bill 2297.