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Chairman Schauer and GVA committee. My name is Steve Vetter and I I represent district 18 which is Grand Forks along the Red River to Manvel. I bring you HB 1293 which allows National Guard members to have burial markers like the other branches of the military. This bill gives the National Guard parity with the other branches of the military.

This bill would provide a headstone medallion for ND National Guard and Reserve members who are otherwise not qualified for VA National Cemetery Administration provided markers.

ND National Guard and Reserve who are not otherwise eligible for a VA medallion would be eligible for a ND marker.

Thank you for your consideration. I would ask you to do give parity to the National Guard members in a simple gesture like having a burial marker with their service recognized. Vote Yes for a Do Pass recommendation. Thank you.