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Chair Schauer and Members of the Government & Veterans Affairs Committee,

SCR 4018 was introduced at the request of members of the ND Emergency Management Services Association.

The Association has had a tough time getting placed on the Capitol Grounds Planning Commission agenda over the past year. With the commission having Lt. Governor Strinden as a new Chair, a couple new commission members and a new director of facilities management, I figured a Resolution of support from the legislature would be in order to keep the idea of a Line of Death Memorial moving forward to honor the volunteer and career EMS personnel who have lost their lives in service to the state.

As many of you know, there continues to be several conversations throughout the state about North Dakotans having access to timely and trained emergency services when they need it most. Often, it's the paramedics, EMTs, emergency medical responders and emergency vehicle operators that arrive first on the scene to a domestic violence situation, vehicle accident or mass casualty event putting their lives at risk to provide aid to our family, friends and neighbors.

Our state already has a memorial for peace officers here on the Capitol grounds and firefighters at the North Dakota's Firefighters Museum in Garrison. It's time for our state to honor our volunteer and career emergency medical services personnel.

I hope you'll provide SCR 4018 your support and I'm happy to stand for any questions or comments you may have.