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HB 1293 Burial Marker

Chairman Luick and Ag & Veterans committee. My name is Steve Vetter and 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.

Lonnie Wangen will come after me to answer any questions you may have. If you go under your testimony you will see pictures of the medallion.

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. Please Vote Yes for a Do Pass recommendation. Thank you.