

HOUSE MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

CHAPTER 868

HOUSE MEMORIAL RESOLUTION NO. A
(Committee on Memorial Resolutions)

DECEASED HOUSE MEMBERS MEMORIALIZED

A memorial resolution for deceased members of the House of Representatives of North Dakota.

WHEREAS, God has summoned to eternal rest our former colleagues:

RUSSELL L. BELQUIST, who served in the 36th through the 39th Legislative Assemblies, from the 32nd District, died September 22, 1988.

LEONARD A. BOPP, who served in the 36th Legislative Assembly, from the 13th District, died November 5, 1986.

GORDON V. COX, who served in the 20th through the 22nd Legislative Assemblies, from the 27th District, died October 4, 1987.

RALPH C. DOTZENROD, who served in the 42nd through the 50th Legislative Assemblies, from the 27th District, died October 13, 1988.

JOHN R. FLECK, who served in the 27th through the 32nd Legislative Assemblies, from the 27th District, died October 2, 1986.

ROBERT D. HARTL, who served in the 43rd Legislative Assembly, from the 7th District, died July 29, 1987.

RUSSELL IDSO, who served in the 35th through the 37th Legislative Assemblies, from the 11th District, died December 30, 1988.

SYBIL BAKER KELLY, who served in the 36th through the 38th Legislative Assemblies, from the 21st District, died March 1, 1988.

FRED W. KLINGER, who served in the 36th and 37th Legislative Assemblies, from the 17th District, died May 12, 1987.

HENRY P. MAUTZ, JR., who served in the 35th Legislative Assembly, from the 46th District, died March 30, 1987.

FRANKLIN PAGE, who served in the 24th through the 26th Legislative Assemblies, from the 1st District, died November 17, 1987.

OGDEN D. ROSE, who served in the 33rd and 34th Legislative Assemblies, from the 11th District, died April 17, 1988.

SIMON A. SIMONSON, who served in the 40th and 41st Legislative Assemblies, from the 23rd District, died May 6, 1987.

THOMAS L. SNORTLAND, who served in the 32nd through the 34th Legislative Assemblies, from the 16th District, died July 2, 1988.

RAYMOND G. VENDSEL, who served in the 38th Legislative Assembly, from the 29th District, died January 18, 1989.

WHEREAS, today, as members of the House of Representatives of the 51st Legislative Assembly of North Dakota, we pause to mourn the passing of our former colleagues and to honor their memories; and

WHEREAS, these legislators rendered outstanding service to the people of the state by their contributions to public service;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF NORTH DAKOTA:

That we express our sorrow on their passing and our appreciation, on behalf of the people of North Dakota, of the loyal and devoted service of our former colleagues, through the words of the following poem, which was the last poem written by the former Representative Ralph Dotzenrod:

Today I'll start with the rising sun
To use what God has given me
To use as I will 'til the day is done
For good or ill as my choice may be.

It's really important my choice is true
I'm trading a day of my life away
When tomorrow comes may I never rue
What I've bought with the coins of life today.

May it not be loss, but a gain I buy
May it not be evil, but good instead
May I cheer the heart of a passerby
Or brighten a life by the right word said.

Tomorrow will come, and today will fade
May I be sure when this day is past
The things I have bought with my coins in trade
Will not be regrets, but are joys that last.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that for the perpetuation of their memory this token of respect and sympathy by their successors in trust be printed in the Journal of the House of Representatives and that enrolled copies of this resolution be presented by the Secretary of State to the surviving families of these deceased Representatives.

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