

2025 SENATE JUDICIARY

SCR 4018

2025 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Judiciary Committee
Peace Garden Room, State Capitol

SCR 4018
2/12/2025

A concurrent resolution urging the Capitol Grounds Planning Commission to initiate the planning and development of a line of duty death memorial dedicated to honoring both volunteer and career Emergency Medical Services personnel who have lost their lives in service to the state.

10:30 a.m. Chair Larson opened the hearing.

Members present:

Chair Larson, Vice Chairman Paulson, Senators: Castaneda, Cory, Luick, Myrdal, Braunberger.

Discussion Topics:

- Memorial for emergency medical services personnel
- Leadership changes
- Collaboration with Department of Health and Human Services
- Recognition of volunteer and career EMS personnel

10:30 a.m. Senator Josh Boschee introduced the bill and submitted testimony in favor #37397.

10:32 a.m. Bill Kalanek, ND EMS Association, testified in favor.

10:33 a.m. William N. Tuttle, Advanced Emergency Medical Technician & Director of Drayton Volunteer Ambulance Service of the ND EMS Association, testified and submitted testimony in favor #36928.

10:36 a.m. Chair Larson closed the hearing.

10:36 a.m. Senator Castaneda moved Amendment LC# 25.3075.01001.

10:36 a.m. Senator Cory seconded.

10:36 a.m. Voice Vote - Motion Passed.

10:37 a.m. Senator Castaneda moved as Do Pass as Amended.

10:37 a.m. Senator Braunberger seconded the motion.

Senators	Vote
Senator Diane Larson	Y
Senator Bob Paulson	Y
Senator Ryan Braunberger	Y
Senator Jose L. Casteneda	Y
Senator Claire Cory	Y
Senator Larry Luick	Y
Senator Janne Myrdal	Y

Motion Passed 7-0-0.

10:37 a.m. Senator Castaneda will carry the bill.

Additional written testimony:

Tyler E. Kientopf, Vice President of North Dakota EMS Association, submitted testimony in favor #36717.

Cheryl A. Flick, President of North Dakota EMS Association, submitted testimony in favor #36924.

10:38 a.m. Chair Larson closed the hearing.

Kendra McCann, Committee Clerk

February 12, 2025

Sixty-ninth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO

2-12-25
JMB 1082

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4018

Introduced by

Senators Boschee, Klein

Representatives Fegley, Frelich, Porter, Weisz

1 A concurrent resolution urging the Capitol Grounds Planning Commission to initiate the planning
2 and development of a line of duty death memorial dedicated to honoring both volunteer and
3 career Emergency Medical Services personnel who have lost their lives in service to the state.

4 **WHEREAS**, Emergency Medical Services personnel, both volunteer and career, serve the
5 citizens of North Dakota with dedication and professionalism, often placing themselves in harms
6 way to provide critical care; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the nature of Emergency Medical Services work exposes individuals to
8 significant risk, leading to line of duty deaths that profoundly impact families, communities, and
9 the state; and

10 **WHEREAS**, North Dakota has a substantial Emergency Medical Services workforce,
11 including 688 paramedics, 1,703 emergency medical technicians, 1,547 emergency medical
12 responders, and 1,075 emergency vehicle operators, who collectively ensure the health and
13 safety of residents across the state; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the Capitol Grounds Planning Commission is vested with the authority to
15 approve the style, exterior construction, and site of any monument, memorial, or work of art on
16 the Capitol grounds, as well as to accept or reject gifts intended for such purposes; and

17 **WHEREAS**, establishing a memorial on the Capitol grounds would serve as a lasting tribute
18 to the Emergency Medical Services personnel who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the line
19 of duty;

20 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE**
21 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:**

JB 2022

1 That the Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly urges the Capitol Grounds Planning Commission
2 to initiate the planning and development of a line of duty death memorial dedicated to honoring
3 both volunteer and career Emergency Medical Services personnel who have lost their lives in
4 service to the state; and

5 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Capitol Grounds Planning Commission collaborate
6 with the Emergency ~~Management~~Medical Services Division of the Department of Health and
7 Human Services, the North Dakota Emergency ~~Management~~Medical Services Association, and
8 other associated organizations to ensure the memorial appropriately reflects the sacrifices of
9 these individuals; and

10 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Capitol Grounds Planning Commission explore
11 potential funding sources, including public and private donations, grants, and other appropriate
12 sources, to finance the design, construction, and maintenance of the memorial; and

13 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of the Senate forward copies of this
14 resolution to the members of the Capitol Grounds Planning Commission and the Director of the
15 North Dakota Office of Management and Budget.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
SCR 4018**

Judiciary Committee (Sen. Larson, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS** ([25.3075.01001](#)) and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (7 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SCR 4018 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar. This resolution does not affect workforce development.

Testimony in Support of North Dakota SCR 4018**Honorable Chairperson Diane Larson & Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee,**

My name is Tyler Kientopf, and I am the Vice President of the North Dakota EMS Association, EMS Division Chief for the City of Dickinson, and the interim manager of the West River Ambulance Service in Hettinger, North Dakota. I am writing to express my strong support for Senate Concurrent Resolution 4018, which urges the Capitol Grounds Planning Commission to initiate the planning and development of a line of duty death memorial dedicated to honoring both volunteer and career Emergency Medical Services (EMS) personnel who have lost their lives in service to our state.

EMS personnel are the unsung heroes of our communities. They respond to emergencies, often putting their own lives at risk to save others. The dedication and bravery of these individuals deserve to be recognized and remembered. A memorial on the Capitol grounds would serve as a lasting tribute to their sacrifice and a reminder of the critical role they play in our society.

Moreover, such a memorial would provide a place for families, friends, and colleagues to gather and honor the memory of those who have made the ultimate sacrifice. It would also serve as an educational tool, helping to raise awareness about the importance of EMS services and the challenges faced by those who provide them.

I urge you to support SCR 4018 and help ensure that the bravery and sacrifice of our EMS personnel are properly honored. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Tyler Kientopf, BS, NRP, CP-C

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Members of the North Dakota Legislature
State Capitol
600 E Boulevard Ave
Bismarck, ND 58505

Dear Honorable Members of the North Dakota Legislature,

My name is Cheryl Flick, President of the North Dakota EMS Association. I am writing in support of the establishment of a Line of Duty Death Memorial for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) personnel on the grounds of the North Dakota State Capitol. EMS professionals risk their lives daily to ensure the health, safety, and well-being of our communities.

As a part of their jobs, EMS personnel are placed in dangerous situations. These dedicated individuals go beyond the call of duty to save lives, comfort families, and provide critical care in moments of crisis. Tragically, some of them make the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty while serving others. To honor their courage and remember those who have died in the course of their work is to recognize the vital role they play in keeping our communities safe.

A memorial placed on the Capitol grounds would serve as a powerful reminder of the risks EMS personnel face and the profound sacrifices they make. It would not only provide a place for their families, friends, and colleagues to reflect and find comfort but also as a symbol of our appreciation for the men and women who answer the call in our darkest hours. The memorial would send a clear message that we, as a state, recognize and value the contributions of all those who work in EMS, and their service is remembered and respected. North Dakota is one of the few states that do not have an EMS memorial in place.

I encourage you to support a Line of Duty Death Memorial for EMS personnel on the Capitol grounds. This memorial would be a tribute to those who have given their lives in service to others and would be an enduring symbol of our gratitude and respect. Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Flick
NDEMSEA President

Testimony in support of SCR 4018**Chairperson Larson and Members of the Committee,**

My name is Bill Tuttle, I am a volunteer advanced emergency medical technician (AEMT), and squad leader with the Drayton Volunteer Ambulance Association for the past 35 years. I also volunteer and am an elected director of the northeast region of the North Dakota Emergency Medical Services Association (NDEMSA), currently serving as memorial and awards committee chairperson.

I am writing to express our committees support for Senate Concurrent Resolution 4018 (SRC 4018). Through our committee work and meeting with other state associations we recognized we are one of a few states without a Line of Duty Death (LODD) Memorial for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) personnel who have lost their lives in service to their community and state.

As NDEMSA memorial committee chair, we look forward to collaborating with the Capitol Grounds Planning Commission and the Emergency Medical Services Unit of the Department of Health and Human Services to develop, design, and help fund a memorial that is both aesthetically pleasing and reflects the sacrifices of EMS personnel both volunteer and career who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

For us to do this, I humbly ask for your support of SCR 4018. I also wish to thank the sponsors of SCR 4018 and members of the judiciary committee for your dedication to the State and your time and consideration of this resolution.

Respectively,

Bill Tuttle, AEMT, Director

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SCR 4018 Testimony Senate Judiciary Committee February 12, 2025

Chair Larson and Members of the Senate Judiciary 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 also honor our volunteer and career emergency medical services personnel.

Madam Chair, I would like to offer the following amendments to the Resolution:

- Page 2, line 2 replace "Management Division" with "Medical Services Unit"
- Page 2, line 3 replace "Management" with "Medical Services"

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

2025 HOUSE GOVERNMENT AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

SCR 4018

2025 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Government and Veterans Affairs Committee Pioneer Room, State Capitol

SCR 4018
3/6/2025

A concurrent resolution urging the Capitol Grounds Planning Commission to initiate the planning and development of a line of duty death memorial dedicated to honoring both volunteer and career Emergency Medical Services personnel who have lost their lives in service to the state.

4:59 p.m. Chairman Schauer opened the hearing.

Members present: Chairman Schauer, Vice Chairman Satrom, Representatives Grindberg, Karls, McLeod, Rohr, Schneider, Steiner, VanWinkle, Vetter, Wolff
Members absent: Representatives Bahl, Brown

Discussion Topics:

- Commission hearing for a memorial

5:00 p.m. Senator Boschee, District 44, introduced the resolution and submitted testimony, #39169.

5:03 p.m. Bill Kalanek, North Dakota EMS Association, testified in favor.

5:05 p.m. Corey Johnson, Assistant Fire Chief of the City of Williston Fire Department, testified in favor and submitted testimony, #38900.

5:11 p.m. Representative Vetter moved a Do Pass.

5:11 p.m. Representative Schneider seconded the motion.

Representatives	Vote
Representative Austen Schauer	Y
Representative Bernie Satrom	Y
Representative Landon Bahl	AB
Representative Collette Brown	AB
Representative Karen Grindberg	Y
Representative Karen Karls	Y
Representative Carrie McLeod	Y
Representative Karen Rohr	Y
Representative Mary Schneider	Y
Representative Vicky Steiner	Y
Representative Lori VanWinkle	Y
Representative Steve Vetter	Y
Representative Christina Wolff	AB

5:13 p.m. Motion passed 10-0-3.

Vice-Chairman Satrom will carry the bill.

Additional written testimony:

Cheryl Flick, President of North Dakota EMS Association, submitted testimony in favor, #38707.

William Tuttle, AEMT, NE Region Director of the Drayton Ambulance Service, ND EMS Association, submitted testimony in favor, #38612.

5:13 p.m. Chairman Schauer adjourned the meeting.

Jackson Toman, Committee Clerk

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
ENGROSSED SCR 4018 ([25.3075.02000](#))**

Government and Veterans Affairs Committee (Rep. Schauer, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (10 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 3 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). SCR 4018 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

Testimony of Bill Tuttle
Before House Government and Veterans Affairs Committee
In Favor of SCR 4018

Chairman Schauer and Members of the Committee,

My name is Bill Tuttle, I am a volunteer advanced emergency medical technician (AEMT), and squad leader with the Drayton Volunteer Ambulance Association for the past 35 years. I also volunteer and am an elected director of the northeast region of the North Dakota Emergency Medical Services Association (NDEMSA), currently serving as memorial and awards committee chairperson.

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For us to do this, I humbly ask for your support of SCR 4018. I also wish to thank the sponsors of SCR 4018, Committee Chair, and members of the Government and Veterans Affairs Committee for your dedication to the State and your time and consideration of this resolution.

Respectfully,

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March 4, 2025

House Government and Veterans Affairs Committee
600 E Boulevard Ave
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RE: Support for SCR 4018

Chairmans Schauer and Committee Members,

My name is Cheryl Flick. I am the President of the North Dakota EMS Association. I am writing in support of the establishment of a Line of Duty Death Memorial for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) personnel on the grounds of the North Dakota State Capitol. EMS professionals risk their lives daily to ensure the health, safety, and well-being of our communities.

As a part of their jobs, EMS personnel are placed in dangerous situations. These dedicated individuals go beyond the call of duty to save lives, comfort families, and provide critical care in moments of crisis. Tragically, some of them make the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty while serving others. To honor their courage and remember those who have died in the course of their work is to recognize the vital role they play in keeping our communities safe.

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I encourage you to support a Line of Duty Death Memorial for EMS personnel on the Capitol grounds. This memorial would be a tribute to those who have given their lives in service to others and would be an enduring symbol of our gratitude and respect. Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

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March 6th, 2025

House Government and Veterans Affairs Committee
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RE: Support for SCR 4018

Chairman Schauer & Committee Members,

My name is Corey Johnson. I am the Chairman of the NW Region Board of Directors for the ND EMS Association and a member of the EMS Association's EMS Memorial Committee. I also serve as the Assistant Chief of Operations for the City of Williston Fire Department.

I am here today to ask for your support in recommending SCR 4018 as a "do pass" to the House floor. SCR 4018 directs the Capitol Grounds Planning Commission to establish an Emergency Medical Services Line of Duty Death Memorial at the Capitol.

EMS plays a vital role in providing Public Safety services to the citizens of North Dakota. Like law enforcement and firefighting, EMS is an inherently dangerous profession with some making the ultimate sacrifice serving their community. The ND EMS Association has identified the establishment of this memorial as a high priority for many reasons. First, this memorial will serve as a testament to the commitment and sacrifice made by those no longer with us. This memorial will provide honorable recognition and serve as a place where their legacy will live by providing a place for family, friends, and fellow EMS providers to honor their memory. Second, this memorial will provide an opportunity to raise awareness about the importance of EMS and educate the public.

The Williston community felt the effects of the tragedy of November 18th, 2018, when three EMS providers lost their lives in the line of duty. On the evening of November 18th, 2018, Bismarck Air Medical was dispatched to Williston to transport a premature newborn child. The crew never arrived because their medical aircraft suffered structural failure while in flight. Our state lost Air Medical Pilot Todd Lasky, Paramedic Chris Iverson, and Nurse Bonnie Cook that day. The Williston Fire Department will forever remember the sacrifice made by this crew in their service to our community. We strongly support the establishment of the memorial proposed in SCR 4018 to recognize their service to our state and all others who have made this sacrifice.

Thank you for your time and efforts in considering this important piece of legislation. I respectfully ask for your support by recommending SCR 4018 as a "do pass" to the House floor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Corey A. Johnson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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SCR 4018 Testimony House Government & Veterans Affairs Committee March 6, 2025

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