

**HOUSE MEMORIAL RESOLUTION NO. 7001**

Introduced by

Memorial Resolutions Committee

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

2 **WHEREAS**, God has welcomed to their eternal home our former colleagues:

3 LeRoy George Bernstein, who served in the 51<sup>st</sup> through the 59<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assemblies,  
4 from District 45, died January 4, 2017;

5 Elaine Vig Caldis, who served in the 46<sup>th</sup> and 47<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assemblies, from District 17,  
6 died September 30, 2015;

7 Lyle L. Dawson, Jr., who served in the 40<sup>th</sup> and 41<sup>st</sup> Legislative Assemblies, from District 35,  
8 died March 29, 2015;

9 Donald Dean Dietrich, who served in the 59<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assemblies, from  
10 District 42, died December 11, 2016;

11 Gordon Fredrick Emerson, who served in the 41<sup>st</sup> Legislative Assembly, from District 5, died  
12 August 9, 2016;

13 Charles "Chuck" Frank Fleming, who served in the 42<sup>nd</sup> through the 46<sup>th</sup> Legislative  
14 Assemblies, from District 10, died July 13, 2016;

15 Chester "Chet" Fossum, who served in the 36<sup>th</sup> through the 40<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assemblies,  
16 from District 28, died May 22, 2015;

17 Arthur David Goffe, who served in the 52<sup>nd</sup> and 53<sup>rd</sup> Legislative Assemblies, from District 24,  
18 died March 6, 2016;

19 Richard Anthony "Dick" Hentges, who serviced in the 41<sup>st</sup> through 43<sup>rd</sup> Legislative  
20 Assemblies, from District 21, died March 9, 2017.

21 Gordon John Hill, who served in the 45<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly, from District 8, died July 22,  
22 2015;

23 Sebastian Fabian "Buckshot" Hoffner, who served in the 38<sup>th</sup> and 39<sup>th</sup>, the 41<sup>st</sup> and 42<sup>nd</sup>, and  
24 the 48<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assemblies, from District 12, died December 17, 2015;

Sixty-fifth  
Legislative Assembly

1 Curt Hofstad, who served in the 60<sup>th</sup> through the 64<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assemblies, from  
2 District 15, died June 18, 2016;

3 Ernest N. Johnson, who served in the 36<sup>th</sup> through the 41<sup>st</sup> Legislative Assemblies, from  
4 District 15, died April 4, 2015;

5 James A. Kerzman, who served in the 52<sup>nd</sup> through the 56<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assemblies, from  
6 District 35, and in the 57<sup>th</sup> through the 61<sup>st</sup> Legislative Assemblies, from District 31, died  
7 June 20, 2015;

8 Paul Patrick, who served in the 42<sup>nd</sup> Legislative Assembly, from District 8, died January 16,  
9 2017;

10 Charles E. "Chuck" Orange, who served in the 43<sup>rd</sup> and 44<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assemblies, from  
11 District 18, died April 2, 2016;

12 Emil J. Riehl, who served in the 45<sup>th</sup> through the 50<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assemblies, from  
13 District 35, died February 27, 2016;

14 Enoch Thorsgard, who served in the 41<sup>st</sup> through the 46<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assemblies, from  
15 District 19, died December 16, 2015;

16 Harold Neil Trautman, who served in the 50<sup>th</sup> through the 52<sup>nd</sup> Legislative Assemblies, from  
17 District 48, died July 11, 2015;

18 Vernon E. Wagner, who served in the 38<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly, from District 27, in the 39<sup>th</sup>  
19 through the 44<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assemblies, from District 32, and in the 45<sup>th</sup> through the 47<sup>th</sup>  
20 Legislative Assemblies, from District 47, died May 31, 2016;

21 Cheryl Ann Watkins, who served in the 43<sup>rd</sup> and 44<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assemblies, from  
22 District 21, died September 3, 2016;

23 Wade Allen Williams, who served in the 48<sup>th</sup> through the 52<sup>nd</sup> Legislative Assemblies, from  
24 District 29, died May 12, 2015; and

25 **WHEREAS**, we now pause to mourn the passing of our former House of Representatives  
26 colleagues and to honor their memories; and

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

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

1        That we express our sorrow on their passing and our appreciation, on behalf of the people  
2 of North Dakota, of the loyal and devoted service of our former colleagues; and  
3        **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that for the perpetuation of their memory this token of  
4 respect and sympathy by their successors in trust be printed in the Journal of the House of  
5 Representatives and that the Secretary of State present enrolled copies of this resolution to the  
6 surviving families of these deceased Representatives.