

**Sixty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota  
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 5, 2021**

SENATE MEMORIAL RESOLUTION NO. 8001  
(Memorial Resolutions Committee)

A memorial resolution for deceased members of the Senate of North Dakota.

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

Bill L. Bowman, who served in the 52<sup>nd</sup> through the 65<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assemblies, from District 39, died August 15, 2020;

Patricia "Tish" Kelly, who served in the 52<sup>nd</sup> and 53<sup>rd</sup> Legislative Assemblies, from District 21, died July 12, 2019;

Lonnie James Laffen, who served in the 62<sup>nd</sup> through the 65<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assemblies, from District 43, died December 23, 2020;

Duane Ollen Mutch, who served in the 36<sup>th</sup> through the 39<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assemblies, from District 5, and in the 40<sup>th</sup> through the 44<sup>th</sup> and the 46<sup>th</sup> through the 59<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assemblies, from District 19, died July 18, 2019;

Jack Dale Olin, who served in the 46<sup>th</sup> and 47<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assemblies, from District 37, died April 23, 2019;

Harvey Frederick Sand, who served in the 53<sup>rd</sup> through the 56<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assemblies, from District 10, died August 11, 2019;

Paul John Swedlund, who served in the 42<sup>nd</sup> Legislative Assembly, from District 7, died June 13, 2020;

Russell Talcott Thane, who served in the 41<sup>st</sup> through the 59<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assemblies, from District 25, died November 10, 2020;

Irvin "Irv" Junior Wilhite, who served in the 40<sup>th</sup> through the 42<sup>nd</sup> Legislative Assemblies, from District 32, died March 15, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, we now pause to mourn the passing of our former SENATE 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 SENATE 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; and

**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 SENATE and that the Secretary of State present enrolled copies of this resolution to the surviving families of these deceased Senators.

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President of the Senate

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Secretary of the Senate

Filed in this office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021,  
at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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Secretary of State