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President Harry Truman said "Our debt to the brave heroic men and valiant women in the service of our country can never be repaid. They have earned our undying gratitude. American will never forget their sacrifices." The sentiment expressed in this quote has echoed and re-echoed in the thousands and thousands of speeches on Memorial Day, the Fourth of July, Veteran's Day, and other instances when speaking about veterans, as we try to show respect for their sacrifices in preserving the freedoms we enjoy in this country. All too often I fear these are empty words spoken purely because the occasion warrants it. So how do we make these words really mean something. This bill will do exactly that. By naming this bridge the Veteran's Memorial Bridge, we are creating a visual reminder giving us the opportunity of remembrance, reflection, and respect and thus honoring our honoring the brave men and women who have not



only served their country but the great State of North Dakota. It is a small price to pay when compared with the price our veterans have made. North Dakota has a reputation of honoring and supporting the veterans who call North Dakota home. Passage of this bill would provide a visual reflecting the pride and support we have for our men and women who have served in the armed forces of this country. The ND Veterans Legislative Council unanimously support this Bill

