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The Honorable Senator Kevin Meyers

Chair, Senate State Affairs Committee

And Members of the Committee

I was at the Anchorage LIO on Tuesday to testify in strong support of HB135, the North Starr Medal. Unfortunately, you had to adjourn early so the bill unable to be heard, and t's now unlikely I'll be able to testify because of personal travel. However, the following is what I had planned to testify:

TESTIMONY

"Mr. Chairman and Members of the Senate State Affairs Committee:

My name is Bob Lynn, and I live in south

Anchorage. I want to thank the Committee Chair, and all the committee Members, for hearing this bill today.

In the military there's a medal that too many deserve but nobody wants. It's called the "The Purple Heart," and it's awarded for being wounded or killed in action defending America..

We need to likewise honor, right here in Alaska, our law enforcement, firefighters, and other first responders for suffering

wounds or death protecting us, our loved ones, and all Alaskans. Like the Purple Heart, it would be a medal nobody would want, but too many would deserve.

Our legislature is hard at work on many important issues Thank you. Honoring those who suffer wounds or death protecting us is also important. It's the least we can do.

Yes, I confess, I do have a special interest in this bill. I was raised by a Los Angeles County Deputy Sheriff. My brother is a retired Hollywood detective lieutenant. I have a grandson who is a cop, and another grandson applying to be a cop. And I myself was a cop many years ago in Tucson, Arizona. By the Grace of God, none of our family were ever wounded or killed. But we had comrades who were. And they should have been awarded the special recognition of a medal by their state, as comrades in our military are awarded the Purple Heart by a grateful nation.

I urge you to pass this bill out of committee. And let it get to the Senate floor before the end of session. Thank you for your help.

BOB LYNN