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ND Highway Hall of Honor to induct three at October 17 luncheon

The North Dakota Highway Hall of Honor, which has inducted 45 North Dakota men and women since its establishment in 1974, will add three new members Monday, October 17.

The Highway Hall of Honor induction luncheon will be held Monday, October 17, at 12 p.m. (CST) at the Radisson Hotel Bismarck, 605 East Broadway Avenue, Bismarck. Tickets are \$20 and are available until Tuesday, October 11, by calling Laurie Martin at the North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT), at 701-328-2584.

Inductees Include:

David K.O. Leer -- David Leer has been known around the North Dakota Department of Transportation as a forward thinker in the transportation industry. He was always willing to try new methods or products in an attempt to learn as much about new and innovative techniques in transportation. Some of his work involved a land reclamation project near Underwood, eliminating no-mow along the state highway system and serving as a mentor to his peers. One of his biggest accomplishments was his role in promoting transportation by serving as the coordinator of the statewide Transportation and Civil Engineering (TRAC) Program which brings transportation professionals into the classroom to inspire young students across the state to consider careers in transportation and civil engineering. His commitment to transportation in North Dakota will have a positive impact for years to come.

David Sprynczynatyk -- David Sprynczynatyk has been a superior leader in the state of North Dakota since the 1980s. He has held top leadership and director roles for the State Water Commission, North Dakota Department of Transportation, North Dakota National Guard, and North Dakota Department of Emergency Services. In his tenure as the Director for NDDOT, Sprynczynatyk oversaw several major projects including the replacement of the Four Bears Bridge, four-laning of US Highway 2 from Minot to Williston, was involved in the design of the Liberty Memorial Bridge and was instrumental in the relocation project of US Highway 281 in the Devils Lake Basin. His role as a leader for North Dakota stretches beyond just transportation and has benefited countless North Dakotans and visitors to the state.

Melvin J. (Mel) Bullinger -- Mel Bullinger, has played a major role in the transportation system in Bismarck since May 1993. As the City Engineer, he has held leadership roles in many of the city's major transportation projects including Bismarck Expressway, Liberty Memorial Bridge replacement, Century Avenue, State Street, Main Avenue renovation and the reconstruction of North Washington Street. Bullinger has also been involved with Central Dacotah Section of the American Society of Highway Engineers, American Water Works Association, North Dakota Society of Professional Engineers and is an active alumni representative for North Dakota State University. Over the years, he has established himself as an advocate for transportation solutions in and around Bismarck and his influence will benefit the city for generations to come.

The Highway Hall of Honor recognizes those who have improved the state highway system or a regional highway system or have used their influence as members of national or regional organizations to improve our highway system's effectiveness or safety. The Highway Hall of Honor Committee is comprised of representatives for highway contractors, city and county organizations, motor carriers, and NDDOT.

Previous Inductees include:

- 1974** **James O. Kyser**, NDSHD Maintenance Engineer
John L. McCormick, Sr., pioneer contractor
Ray Robinson, NDSHD Maintenance Engineer
Milton L. Rue, contractor, legislator
- 1975** **Worl A. "Buzz" Wise**, NDSHD Materials Engineer
George Dixon, founder, Good Roads Association
Dean Hagen, NDSHD Secondary Roads Engineer
I. E. "Eskey" Solberg, legislator, highway supporter
- 1976** **Archie Campbell**, pioneer contractor
Reuben Reich, NDSHD Materials Engineer
Maxine Scarff, NDSHD maintenance employee
- 1978** **James Connolly**, pioneer in highway safety
James Lamb, NDSHD Commissioner
A. W. Wentz, NDSHD Commissioner
- 1979** **Erling Henrikson**, NDSHD Construction Engineer
Adrian C. Taylor, pioneer concrete contractor
- 1980** **Robert E. Bradley**, NDSHD Chief Engineer
Walter R. Hjelle, NDSHD Commissioner
- 1981** **John Rouzie**, Highway 85 and Highway 12 associations
Harold Schafer, restorer, Medora
- 1982** **Mark P. Wynkoop**, NDSHD Chief Engineer
- 1983** **John McCormick, Jr.**, major Interstate contractor
- 1984** **Irvin Jordre**, NDSHD Bismarck District Engineer
Julius A. Roswick, pioneer motor carrier
- 1986** **Warren B. Diederich**, contractor, innovator
George H. Seaworth, Federal Highway Administrator
- 1988** **Robert E. King**, NDSHD Right of Way Engineer
Gerald W. "Cap" McCoy, AGC of ND Executive VP
- 1990** **James Haines**, contractor, promoter of Plains states solidarity
- 1993** **Lloyd O. Thompson**, contractor, engineering advocate
- 1998** **Kaye Braaten**, encouraged public-private partnerships
Lloyd Lammer, NDSHD Assistant Chief Engineer
- 1999** **Joseph Kirby**, NDDOT Bridge Engineer
Ralph Wood, NDHP Superintendent
- 2002** **Albert Bauman**, Mercer County Commissioner
- 2004** **Charles Gullicks**, NDDOT Planning and Programming Engineer
Ray Zink, NDDOT Chief Engineer
- 2006** **Roger Lee**, Kadrmas, Lee and Jackson
Curt Peterson, AGC of North Dakota, Executive Vice President
- 2008** **Jon Mill**, Burleigh County Engineer
- 2010** **James J. Igoe**, Igoe Construction Company
Eugene (Gene) C. Jackson, Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson
Walter I. Swingen, Swingen Construction Company
- 2011** **Mark Bittner**, Fargo City Engineer
Francis G. Ziegler, Former NDDOT Director