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South Dakota Bridge to be Dedicated in Honor of U.S. Army Staff Sergeant Ronald D. McIlravy

Sioux Falls, SD – The South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs (SDDVA) will host a Fallen Hero Bridge Dedication to honor U.S. Army Staff Sergeant Ronald D. McIlravy.

The ceremony will be on Saturday, August 22, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. (MT) at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church (106 S. A Street) in New Underwood.

This dedication is part of a statewide initiative established during the Noem-Rhoden Administration and expanded under Governor Rhoden. In partnership with the South Dakota Departments of Veterans Affairs, Military, and Transportation, the program establishes enduring tributes that honor service and serve as a lasting reminder to future generations.

The 161st Ave bridge over I-90 at exit 78, New Underwood, will be dedicated as the SSG Ronald D. McIlravy bridge.

SSG McIlravy served with honor and distinction, and this dedication will ensure their legacy continues to inspire all who travel this roadway. SDDVA invites the public to attend and recognize this hero's sacrifice and service to our nation.