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I currently serve as the Chaplain for the Klamath Falls Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), Chaplain for the Klamath Falls Marine Corps League (MCL) as well as the MCL Oregon State Chaplain. I retired from the military after 22 years of service.

I'm offering my support of SCR2 which recognizes Jimmy Erick Floren for his service to his country. Personally, I did not know Jimmy but like Jimmy I served in Vietnam with the U.S. Marine Corps. Shortly after moving to Klamath Falls, OR, I became friends with one of Jimmy's sisters. I was touched by Jimmy's story and ultimate sacrifice during Operation Essex in Vietnam. So much so that I initiated a request to Senator Dennis Lithicum to support the introduction of this resolution.

While there were many heroes who served in Vietnam, consider that there were 2,709,918 American who served in Vietnam and only 491 Navy Crosses awarded. Jimmy was one of those who was awarded a Navy Cross.

If this resolution is passed, there will be a continued effort to honor Jimmy in Klamath Falls. I've gathered support from our Marine Corps League Crater Lake Detachment 373, to sponsor a 'Fallen Hero Memorial Highway Sign' to honor Jimmy that will be installed in Klamath Falls.

Respectfully Submitted

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"Patriotism is not a short and frenzied outburst of emotion
but the tranquil and steady dedication of a lifetime"
Adlai Stevenson

