

HCR 12 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Rules

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Meeting Dates: 2/4, 4/20

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Recognizes and honors Medal of Honor recipient Specialist Four Larry Gilbert Dahl (1949-1971) for his service to his country.

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

REVENUE: No revenue impact

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Fallen Hero Memorial Highways and installation of memorial signs
- Highway recognition for Medal of Honor recipients

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Specialist Four Larry Gilbert Dahl was born on June 10, 1949, in Oregon City, Oregon. He attended elementary school in Oregon City and high school in Seattle, Washington.

Specialist Four Dahl enlisted in the United States Army in 1969 and began his tour of duty in Vietnam on June 18, 1970. He was assigned to 1st Logistical Command, 27th Transportation Battalion, 8th Transportation Group, 359th Transportation Company.

Specialist Four Dahl was assigned to the crew of the gun truck "Brutus." On February 23, 1971, two fuel convoys were headed west on National Route 19 when the lead convoy was ambushed by a large enemy force as it crossed over the top of An Khe Pass. Brutus and other vehicles of the second convoy were sent forward to assist in defense of the first convoy and during the ensuing battle an enemy soldier tossed a hand grenade into the gun truck. Specialist Four Dahl saw the grenade first, called a warning, and without hesitation threw himself directly on the grenade to protect his fellow soldiers. Specialist Four Dahl was killed by the explosion, which also wounded two other crew members. Due to the selfless actions of Specialist Four Dahl, the other crew members of Brutus survived the grenade attack.

Specialist Four Dahl was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor, the nation's highest military decoration for valor in combat, for his "conspicuous gallantry, extraordinary heroism, and intrepidity at the cost of his life, above and beyond the call of duty." Specialist Four Dahl was laid to rest in Willamette National Cemetery.

Specialist Four Dahl's bravery and selfless devotion to his comrades exemplified the spirit and values of the United States Army. House Concurrent Resolution 12 recognizes and honors Medal of Honor recipient Specialist Four Larry Gilbert Dahl for his extraordinary and selfless heroism in service to his country.