



To Chair Jama and Senate Committee On Rules.

In support of SCR 28

I first met Chuck Mawhinney when he worked as the shop foreman for the U.S. Forest Service in Baker City alongside my dad. Later in life, we became neighbors.

Chuck was a U.S. Marine Corps sniper and holds the record for the most confirmed kills, with 103 confirmed and 216 probable during 16 months in the Vietnam War.

Although Chuck received the Bronze Star Medal and two Purple Heart Awards, we never discussed his military service. My father, a veteran of the Korean War, likely had conversations with Chuck about their military service, but I never heard them.

Until the publication of the book \*Dear Mom: A Sniper's Vietnam\*, I don't think Chuck was aware of how his record compared to that of his peers, and his accomplishments remained largely unknown for many years.

Chuck always prioritized his wife, Robin, and their sons. Born in Lakeview, Oregon, he was a true Oregonian who loved the outdoors. He worked hard to improve the natural resources in the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest.

Over a span of 20 years, Chuck also taught numerous federal and local law enforcement courses to share his expertise and help keep new marksmen safe, ultimately saving lives.

He operated under the mantra, "Thou shalt not kill... my fellow Marines," believing that for every enemy killed, many friendly lives would be saved.

Chuck Mawhinney deserves to be honored by both his state and the nation for his remarkable service record, courage, and sacrifices.

Sincerely

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