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On Behalf Of: Chapter 271
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TO: House Committee on Rules

FOR: HCR 39, PAW

My name is Thomas A Weiss, President of Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 271.

I am submitting this statement in support of HCR 39, to support the eighteen Clackamas County residents who lost their lives fighting for our rights and privileges in Vietnam.

The US military won the battles in Vietnam, but the US Government lost the war at home.

The military soldier displays virtues of honor, courage, and self-sacrifice that have always inspired other soldiers and civilians alike. Much of our regard for veterans comes from the idea that they embody these virtues.

America fought in Vietnam to protect these same ideals. Our veterans are crucial to life as we know it today because they protected our freedom, provide us with a way of learning about our history, and the world around us, and those who risked their lives for people they have never met.

Honoring a loved one who has served in the military is a solemn and meaningful gesture. Military honors are a time-honored tradition that recognizes the commitment, courage, and sacrifices made by service members. These eighteen (18) military service members made the ultimate sacrifice, and we need to honor them today, and in the tomorrows which follow.

Thank you for your time. Do you have any questions?

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