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TO: Chair Bowman, Vice-Chair Drazen, Vice -Chair Pham, & Members of the House Committee on Rules
Oregon State Capitol
Salem, OR 97301

FROM: Laurie Kimmell, MSgt, USAF (Ret.)

SUBJECT: HRC 39 -1

ATTENTION: FOR ALL REVIEWING AUTHORITIES

1 My name is Laurie Kimmell. I am a retired MSgt (USAF). I served during the War on Terror, Operation Noble Eagle, rotations and several NATO exercises. I am a chair of a local veteran's group.

2. I am in support of HCR 39-1. This bill has a personal note to me because, I knew Private First Class Dietz who is mentioned in this bill. Ray Dietz grew up in a tough blue -collar neighborhood in Milwaukie, OR on Johnson Creek Blvd. We attended the same church. Ray was a very kind person. Ray graduated from Clackamas High School in Milwaukie, OR. Ray was the first graduate from Clackamas High School to perish in South Vietnam on 14 February 1966 by an enemy grenade.

3. Honoring the fallen is part of the American and military culture. We have signage on Oregon highways honoring Iraq, Afghanistan, and Medal of Honor honoree's but, not of fallen Vietnam veterans. Ray Dietz and the other fallen listed in this bill have made the ultimate sacrifice to ensure freedom. They need to be recognized and not forgotten. Let's give the families closure and welcome the fallen back home. I recommend that this bill move out of committee with a do -pass recommendation and to the Oregon House Floor.

Thank you,
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