

TO: Senate Committee on Rules

FOR: HCR 39 A

My name is Thomas A. Weiss, President of Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 271. I am testifying on behalf of Bill Duncan, President of the Oregon State Council, Vietnam Veterans of America, the umbrella organization for **ALL** Vietnam veteran members and Associated VVA Members in the State of Oregon.

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

Our military soldiers display 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.

Our veterans are crucial to life as we know it today because they protected our freedom, provided 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 Oregon service members made the ultimate sacrifice, and we need to honor them today, and in the tomorrows which follow.

Thank you for your time.

The source of the names of our fallen soldiers is:

U.S. Military Fatal Casualties of the Vietnam War for Home-State-of-Record: Oregon

Source of data: the Vietnam Conflict Extract Data File, as of April 29, 2008, of the Defense Casualty Analysis System (DCAS) Files, part of Record

Group 330: Records of the Office of the Secretary of Defense.

Site:

<https://docs.google.com/viewer?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.archives.gov%2Ffiles%2Fresearch%2Fmilitary%2Fvietnam-war%2Fcasualty-lists%2For-alpha.pdf>

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