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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 2441

Sometimes it takes a long time to see service, patriotism, and sacrifice rewarded. We in the legislature realize sometimes it takes a long time to see many things accomplished. So it is with many of the veteran's of the Vietnam War. It has taken a long time for our nation to recognize them and the sacrifices they made for our nation. These sacrifices took them a long way from the familiar to a war that was very unpopular at home; sacrifices that exposed many of Agent Orange, and perhaps worst of all, sacrifices that exposed them to mistreatment, when they returned home. Prior to this, our veterans had always been counted as heroes and heroes they are. They endured the same circumstances as those who protected our nation in its early days and fought for our freedoms as well as those who are coming home from the Middle East even now. They signed up to defend our country even to the death.

I am thankful we are finally celebrating the courage and honor of our Vietnam Veterans and I am particularly thankful to support a bill that honors the first Missing-In-Action veteran from the Vietnam war from Coffey County. You will be hearing testimony from a personal friend of Floyd H. Robinson and I hope you will strongly consider passing this bill and allowing Coffey County to honor their hero by designating a portion of U. S. Highway 75 through Coffey County as the Floyd H. Robinson Memorial Highway.

With that, Mr. Chairman, I stand for questions.

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