

Senate Transportation Committee – SB 237

January 29, 2020

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Transportation committee:

My name is Adam Wright. I come before you today in support of Senate 237 which would designate a section of K-16 as the John Lee Bremer memorial highway.

I am Mr. Bremer's son-in-law and am joined today by his wife and daughter. It is due to his service and the sacrifice he made by serving our country in the Vietnam War that this recognition is appropriate.

John Lee Bremer was a native son of Kansas. He joined the Army during the Vietnam conflict with a childhood friend. He proudly served in the United States Army from 1967-1970 as a paratrooper. As an Airborne Ranger he was assigned to the 173<sup>rd</sup> Airborne Brigade (General Westmoreland's "Hot Shots" brigade.) John's rank was a Staff Warrant officer.

John earned the Bronze Star with Valor for pulling his men out of danger during a firefight. Additionally he was awarded the Purple Heart due to an injury – he was wounded by a sniper hit.

Other medals of distinction he was awarded while serving our county:

- Army Commendation medal (awarded for acts of heroism while in combat)
- Bronze star with cluster
- National Defense service medal
- Combat Infantry badge
- Two Overseas Service Bars
- Marksmanship Medal with Rifle BAD M16
- Republic of Vietnam Campaign medal (with 60 device)
- Vietnamese service medal

Like many servicemen who served in Vietnam John was exposed to Agent Orange. He was treated for this at the Leavenworth VA and was later told his condition was in regression.

John loved this country – he never left the house without wearing his Vietnam veteran cap. After all he endured, when asked he said he would serve his country "all over again."

John and Tina were married for 23 years. They loved and cherished their time with their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He also loved Harley Davidson motorcycles and the KC Chiefs.

John is no longer with us as he died due to a motorcycle accident in September 2018. Another motorcycle failed to yield at a dangerous intersection on KS Hwy 16 Rd and Parallel Road in Leavenworth County. Due to the injuries sustained in the accident he passed 11 days after the accident.

On behalf of our family, I thank you Mr. Chairman and members of the committee for your consideration of this legislation.

Respectfully,  
Adam Wright  
Tina Bremer  
Cara Bremer