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Chariman Proehl, Vice Chair Thimesch, ranking Minority Member Helgerson and members of the Committee.

HB2525 An Act concerning roads and highways; designating a bridge over Fancy Creek, Bridge no. 0081-B0058 located on United States Highway 77 in Riley County as the PFC Loren H. Larson Memorial Bridge.

I am here as a proponent of naming this bridge on United States Highway 77 north of Randolph, Kansas as the PFC Loren H. Larson Memorial Bridge.

Private First Class Loren H. Larson served in the 1<sup>st</sup> Calvary Division in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 5<sup>th</sup> Calvary, E Company. He began his tour on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1969 and was killed in action on June 20<sup>th</sup>, 1969. As you will hear in testimony, many of these soldiers have not been recognized for their Vietnam service and in recognition of this gold star family and this would one way we can show honor and respect to one of these fallen soldiers.

Naming this bridge in honor of this great soldier. The bridge is a symbol of strength, honor and respect and it becomes part of the families/fallen warrior's legacy and history. The bridge will pass the torch onto countless generations and show them who the fallen warrior was and their sacrifice to our nation.

This bill requests that Bridge Number 0081-B0058 located on United States highway 77 in Riley county is hereby designated as the PFC Loren H. Larson Memorial Bridge. On behalf of the Larson family, thank you for allowing this bill a hearing.

Representative Suzi Carlson

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