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Testimony – KS Senate Committee on Transportation SB 19

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Chairman Petersen, Vice Chairman Claeyes, Ranking Minority Leader Hawk and members of the Senate Transportation Committee:

I am Lisa Moser, State Representative for House District 106 and resident of Marshall County, where the referenced highway naming venture in SB 19 will be realized.

I testify today in support of SB 19, designating a portion of United States Hwy 77 between Blue Rapids and Waterville to the honor of two local Vietnam Veterans, Corporal Allen E. Oatney and Specialist Fourth Class Gene A. Myers.

I developed at a young age an appreciation of our nation's veterans, and the price paid for freedom. My uncle and godfather was a WWII veteran.

Two of the 627 Kansas military lives lost in the Vietnam War were those of U.S. Army Corporal Allen E. Oatney, of Waterville, KS, killed in action in Cambodia on June 22, 1970; and U.S. Army Specialist 4th Class, Gene Allen Myers, also of Waterville, KS, killed in action in South Vietnam on June 9, 1969. SB 19 commits to the honor of these young men a 5-mile segment of U.S. Highway 77 between Waterville, KS, and Blue Rapids, KS. I believe this tribute deserves the support of this body.

Funding for signs marking the referenced section of highway will be provided by the American Legion through private donations.

We must not forget the sacrifice of more than 50,000 heroes of the Vietnam War and, specifically, the sacrifice of these two young men from rural Kansas, who gave their lives in answer to their country's call to duty. Their commitment to God and country is evident by the price they paid.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. I will stand for questions at the appropriate time.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lisa M. Moser".

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Marshall, Washington, Republic and Eastern Jewell Counties