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Kansas Senate Transportation Committee

Testimony in support of HB2103: Clay County Vietnam Veterans' Bridge

Chairman Petersen, Vice-Chairman Wolf, Ranking Minority Member Pettey,
members of the committee,

I stand before you today to support naming the bridge on Highway 15, which spans the Republican River in Clay County, in honor of veterans who served their country during the Vietnam conflict. There are 97 retired military personnel in Clay County and 3,817 in Clay County and the seven counties surrounding it. Although I believe that our gratitude for their valiant service should be much more far-reaching than a simple dedication, a bridge named in their honor serves, at least, as a tangible recognition of our appreciation. It, by extension, honors those who have served in other war-torn areas and returned to Fort Riley. They stand 17,522 strong at the post.

Once, again, I lend my support to the naming of the bridge in honor of the Vietnam veterans to whom we owe so much.

Senator Tom Hawk
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