SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1719

A RESOLUTION honoring the service and sacrifice of Vietnam War Medal of Honor recipient Danny J. Petersen.

WHEREAS, Danny J. Petersen was born on March 11, 1949, in Horton, Kansas, and joined the United States Army in Oskaloosa, Kansas, in March of 1969; and

WHEREAS, Danny J. Petersen was given the rank of Sp4, serving as a Specialist Fourth class in Company B, 4th Battalion, 23rd Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division in the Tay Ninh Province of the Republic of Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, On January 9, 1970, Sp4. Petersen was assigned as an armored personnel carrier commander; and

WHEREAS, Under heavy attack by a battalion-sized force from the North Vietnamese Army, Sp4. Petersen saw that another U.S. armored personnel carrier had been disabled, and its crew were pinned down by intense enemy fire; and

WHEREAS, Sp4. Petersen decisively moved his armored personnel carrier between the disabled U.S. vehicle and enemy fire. Sp4. Petersen proceeded to unleash suppressive fire on the enemy's position; and

WHEREAS, When the driver of his vehicle was wounded by a direct hit to the vehicle, Sp4. Petersen carried his wounded comrade 45 meters to safety through enemy fire, with unwavering courage and disregard for his own safety; and

WHEREAS, Sp4. Petersen valiantly returned to his vehicle, and while standing exposed on top, he provided covering fire during the withdrawal of the remaining vehicles and his platoon's dismounted personnel; and

WHEREAS, For his courageous and selfless actions, Sp4. Petersen was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor by President Gerald Ford on July 17, 1974, in addition to a Bronze Star, Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster and Purple Heart; and

WHEREAS, In memory of Sp4. Petersen's heroic actions, a portion of US-75 near Netawaka, Kansas, is named the "Danny J. Petersen Memorial Highway," Sp4. Petersen's name is inscribed on Panel 14W-Line 20 of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial and he is laid to rest at the Netawaka Cemetery in Netawaka, Kansas: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: **That we honor the service and sacrifice of Vietnam War Medal of Honor recipient Danny J. Petersen; and**

Be it further resolved: **That the Secretary of the Senate shall send four enrolled copies of this resolution to Senator Bowser.**

Senate Resolution No. 1719 was sponsored by Senator Craig Bowser.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the SENATE, and was adopted by that body

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President of the Senate.

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Secretary of the Senate.