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**SB 431 Proponent Testimony
Kansas Council of Chapters
Military Officers Association of America**

Chairman Ellis and Members of the Committee:

Chaplain Kapaun's physical and moral courage is beyond any superlative. His unrelenting courage and miraculous displays of selflessness under the most extreme conditions in the face of a hostile enemy force are shining beacons of positive character values that must never be lost to history. Chaplain Kapaun kept the faith and led many other soldiers to survive their ordeal as prisoners of war.

Chaplain Kapaun is a moral giant recognized by both the United States Army and the Catholic Church. Accordingly, it is my honor to express MOAA's support for SB 431 in order to memorialize his life and heroic actions here at the Kansas State House.

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State Legislative Chair
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