

Senate Sub-Committee on Transportation

Testimony on House Bill 2441

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Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee, on behalf of The American Legion Department of Kansas I wish to express our organization's sincere appreciation for granting me the opportunity to address you today in favor of House Bill 2441.

The preamble to the Constitution of The American Legion include the words "To preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in the Great Wars". The wording of that preamble has only been changed once since the Legion's founding in 1919; the letter "s" was added to War shortly after Pearl Harbor. Some within our organization have promoted a further change to include such words or phrases as hostiles, police actions, and conflicts. Thankfully that hasn't happened and I doubt it ever will; to do so would diminish the service of every veteran since World War II, especially those like Floyd Robinson who paid the supreme sacrifice in protecting this nation and carrying out its policies.

Our state's history includes a rich military tradition and many individuals such as Eisenhower and other notables have been memorialized and are well known. HB 2441 provides those who knew Floyd H. Robinson an opportunity to pay similar tribute to one who served and to remind everyone that the fate of some who served is yet unknown.

Once again I thank you for permitting me the opportunity to address you today. I urge your swift passage of HB 2441 and stand ready for any questions you may have.

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