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Re: Support for House Bill 2491

Dear Mr. Chairman,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify before your committee in support of House Bill 2491.

This bill names that portion of U.S. Highway 73 from its junction with K-92 in Leavenworth to its junction with U.S. Highway 59 the Col. Chuck Rambo memorial highway.

I served with Colonel Rambo in the Mission Command Training Program at Fort Leavenworth until my retirement in July 2019. Chuck was a consummate professional and had an infectious energy that inspired everyone around him. Chuck was not the kind of man to brag about himself, so I had no idea at the time just how distinguished his career had been.

Chuck was an Army Aviator. He served in command and staff positions in bases from Fort Campbell, Kentucky to South Korea. He was a combat veteran, serving one tour in Iraq and four tours in Afghanistan. He was awarded the Bronze Star an incredible four times! He was also the recipient of the Legion of Merit, two Meritorious Service Medals, and three Air Medals.

Chuck was also a devoted husband to his wife Janel and a devoted father to his five sons, Charlie, Henry, Oliver, Elliot, and Samuel and his foster daughter, Faith. And he was committed to the Leavenworth community, coaching our local little league team to the most championships ever in league history.

Colonel Rambo was tragically taken from us in October of last year. He was 52 years old and only one year from retirement. After retirement, he planned to make Leavenworth his home.

I have filed this bill for two reasons. First, Chuck's military service exemplifies the highest standards of sacrifice and stands as an example of the many service members on Fort Leavenworth who have sacrificed so much for our country. But Chuck's dedication to the community sets him apart. I wanted to honor that additional commitment that he made to the City of Leavenworth that touched so many lives. Renaming this road, which runs between the City of Leavenworth and Fort Leavenworth, will be a powerful symbol of his service to our

community and the ties that bind the city and the fort and their people together as one community.

Thank you for your time and attention. I look forward to answering your questions.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Pat Proctor', with a stylized, cursive script.

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