

**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, 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 23<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Regiment, 25<sup>th</sup> 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.*