

Good afternoon Chairman Hayzlett and members of the Committee.

My name is Tim Ackerman and I represent the American Legion Riders Post #163 in Marysville. Representative Sharon Schwartz introduced HB 2757 as a measure to designate two of our new bridges in Marysville to honor two of our Vietnam Veterans, SGT Joseph A. Zutterman Jr. and Specialist Michael T. Martin, both who died in the Vietnam War.

The Zutterman and Martin families have been a part of our community for several generations. The loss of Joseph Zutterman Jr. and Michael Martin was felt not only by their family but was felt throughout the whole community.

As an American Legion Rider, I was approached two years ago by some American Legion members, Vietnam Veterans and family members about trying to get this project done to honor these two men. With the help of Representative Schwartz and Kansas Department of Transportation I hope this to soon become a reality.

With the dedication of the bridges and placement of the signs, let this be a reminder of the supreme sacrifice these two Americans gave. But let this also remind us of all the military men and woman that have paid the ultimate price for our freedom for over two hundred years and still continues today.

I would like to thank Chairman Hayzlett and the Committee for taking the time this afternoon to consider this bill. I would also like to thank Representative Schwartz and the Kansas Department of Transportation for their involvement and support of this project. Thank you.