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Chairman Ruby and members of the committee,

My name is Paul Mohagen from Grafton, ND. I was David Latraille's friend in high school. David worked at Sando Oil Company, a Cities Service gas station, pumping gas and repairing cars. He had plans of taking over the business after his discharge.

David was born March 30, 1947. He was a good person who worked hard. He had a girlfriend and an Old's 442 Muscle car.

David joined the Army with plans to be a wheeled vehicle mechanic. Midstream he changed plans and ended up a very proud member of the 101st Airborne.

David was killed in action on March 6th, 1968 in Thua Thien Province, South Vietnam. I served as a pallbearer for David's funeral.

I fully support the naming of the Hwy81 bridge north of Grafton in honor of Specialist 4 David Latraille Vietnam Bridge.

Thank you Mr. Chairman and committee.

Paul Mohagen

Grafton, ND

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Mr, Chairman and members of the committee,

I am writing this to say that I think David Latraille is more than worthy of receiving some recognition for his service to his country. He was a very level headed, calm and ahead of his age youth.

When he got out of high school and the draft was looming , he knew exactly what he wanted to do. He enlisted in the army and wanted to be a part of the 101st Airborne Division just like his Dad. He accomplished that despite many of his friends who tried to talk him out of it. He only had a few months to go when he was killed.

I have spoken with his Commanding Officer Ron Long. He told me he hand picked David for that mission because he knew he was a good soldier and he wanted him along on that mission with him.

So you see he loved his country and fought to the end for it.

I ask you please Mr. Chairman to pass this vote and give David the recognition he deserves. I know he would be very proud and appreciative.

Diane Lizakowski

Grand Forks, ND