

**House Transportation Committee
69th Legislative Session
Representative Ruby-Chair**

Chairman Ruby and House Transportation Committee,

Please accept this testimony in support of HB 1228.

Intent of this bill...

- Provide lasting recognition and appreciation to the North Dakota Service Men and Women who have died for our Country in time of war.
- Lieutenant Commander Carl Julius Woods died on September 28, 1965, while flying an armed reconnaissance mission near Qui Vinh, North Vietnam aboard CVA-31 off the USS Bon Homme Richard, Attack Squadron, Carrier Air Wing 19, of the 7th Fleet. His A-1H was hit by antiaircraft artillery. Woods flew the burning aircraft 40 miles to the Tonkin Gulf, where he bailed out. A Search and Rescue (SAR) helo arrived quickly, but Lieutenant Commander Woods was already dead. He received the Purple Heart.
 - Lieutenant Commander Woods is honored on Panel 02e, Line 97 of the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial in Washington, DC.
 - Resident of Bottineau.
 - Left behind by his wife Elaine, son Mark and daughters Jennifer and Kathryn.
 - Interred: Arlington National Cemetery VA



Need for bill...

- Keep their memory alive.
- Recognition to the family and friends they left behind.
- Community involvement in the process.

I support this bill and encourage the ND 69th Legislative Assembly to allow all bridges in ND be named after a Fallen ND Service Man or Woman.

Thank you for your consideration.

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