

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 101<sup>st</sup> 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.

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