

2025 HOUSE TRANSPORTATION

HB 1091

2025 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Transportation Committee Room JW327E, State Capitol

HB 1091
1/9/2025

Relating to designating the bridge on United States highway 81 as the Specialist 4 David LaTraille Vietnam bridge; to provide a continuing appropriation; and to declare an emergency.

1:48 p.m. Chairman D. Ruby called the meeting to order.

Members Present: Chairman D. Ruby, Vice Chair Grueneich, Representatives Christianson, Dressler, Finley-DeVille, Frelich, Hendrix, Johnston, Kasper, Koppelman, Maki, Morton, Osowski, Schatz

Discussion Topics:

- Personal Memorials
- Bridge Designation

1:48 p.m. Representative Anderson, ND Legislative Assembly, testified in favor. # 28344

1:52 p.m. Jim Nelson, Legislative Director, ND Veterans Legislative Council, testified in favor.

1:54 p.m. Representative Morton moved Do Pass.

1:54 p.m. Representative Hendrix seconded the motion.

Representatives	Vote
Representative Dan Ruby	Y
Representative Jim Grueneich	Y
Representative Nels Christianson	Y
Representative Ty Dressler	Y
Representative Lisa Finley-DeVille	Y
Representative Kathy Frelich	Y
Representative Jared Hendrix	Y
Representative Daniel Johnston	Y
Representative Jim Kasper	Y
Representative Ben Koppelman	Absent
Representative Roger A. Maki	Y
Representative Desiree Morton	Y
Representative Doug Osowski	Y
Representative Mike Schatz	Y

1:54 p.m. Motion Passed 13-0-1.

1:54 p.m. Representative Morton will carry the bill.

Additional written testimony:

Lonnie Wangen, Commissioner, ND Department of Veterans Affairs, testimony in support #28089.

Representative K. Anderson additional testimony on behalf of Paul Mohagen and Diane Lizakowski #28345 and #28346.

1:55 p.m. Chairman D. Ruby closed the hearing.

Joseph Reed, Committee Clerk

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
HB 1091 ([25.0346.01000](#))

Transportation Committee (Rep. D. Ruby, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (13 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1091 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

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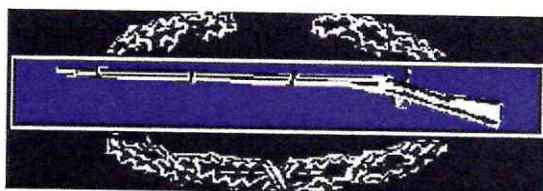
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North Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs
Lonnie Wangen-Commissioner

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

Chairman Ruby and House Transportation Committee,

Please accept this testimony in support of HB 1091.

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.
- March 06, 1968, US Army Specialist 4 David John LaTraille died in Thua Thien South Vietnam from hostile small arms fire while serving with company E, 1st Battalion, 502nd Parachute Infantry Regiment of the 101st Airborne Division.
 - He is buried in St. Johns Cemetery-Grafton ND.



David LaTraille

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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.

Lonnie Wangen Commissioner-NDDVA

Specialist 4 David John Latraille

On March 6th 1968 David was a member of E co 1st BN, 502ND INFANTRY, 10th ABN DIV, USARV serving as a Indirect Fire Infantryman (Airborne Qualified) On patrol in Thua Thien Province South Vietnam when they encountered the enemy and he became a ground casualty resulting in his death from same arms fire. His awards Include the National Defense Medal, the Vietnam service Medal with bronze star, the Vietnam Campaign Medal, Purple Heart, Rifleman's badge and Parachutist Badge.

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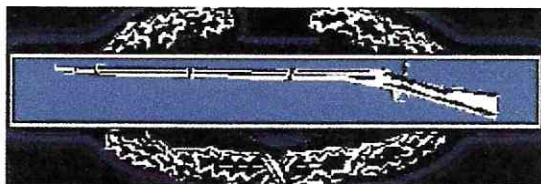
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Richard Wayne Orsund**Specialist Four****F TRP, 2ND SQDN, 11TH ARMORED CAVALRY, USARV****Army of the United States**Grafton, North Dakota**July 19, 1947 to March 27, 1968****RICHARD W ORSUND is on the Wall at Panel 46E, Line 48****See the full profile or name rubbing for Richard Orsund**

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Specialist 4 Richard Wayne Orsund

On the 27th of March 1968 David was a member of F Troop, 2nd Squadron, 11th Armored Calvary, United States Army Reserve Vietnam when he lost his life during an encounter with the enemy in Binh Duong Province South Vietnam caused by multiple fragmentation wound. His rewards include the National Defense Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal with Bronze Star, the Vietnam Campaign Medal the Purple Heart and the Rifleman Badge. He rests in the South Trinity Cemetery Park River

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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

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9:30 a.m. Chairman Clemens opened the hearing.

Members present: Chairman Clemens, Vice Chairwoman Cory, Senator Hogan, Senator Klein, Senator Paulson, Senator Rummel

Discussion Topics:

- Background on David LaTraille

9:30 a.m. Representative K. Anderson, District 19, introduced HB 1091 and testified in favor.

9:33 a.m. Jim Nelson, Legislative Director, ND Veterans Legislative Council, testified in favor and submitted testimony #38194.

9:35 a.m. Chairman Clemens closed the hearing.

9:35 a.m. Senator Hogan moved a Do Pass.

9:35 a.m. Senator Klein seconded the motion.

Senators	Vote
Senator David A. Clemens	Y
Senator Claire Cory	Y
Senator Kathy Hogan	Y
Senator Jerry Klein	Y
Senator Bob Paulson	Y
Senator Dean Rummel	Y

Motion passed 6-0-0.

Senator Hogan will carry the bill.

Additional written testimony:

Paul Mohagen submitted written testimony in favor #38180.

Diane Lizakowski submitted written testimony in favor #38182.

9:35 a.m. Chairman Clemens closed the hearing.

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Chance Anderson, Committee Clerk

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
HB 1091 ([25.0346.01000](#))

Transportation Committee (Sen. Clemens, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). HB 1091 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

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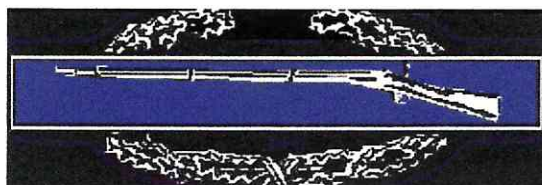
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