

Chair:
Sen. Brian Boquist

Members:
Sen. Peter Courtney
Sen. Alan Olsen

Vice-Chair:
Sen. Laurie Monnes Anderson

Staff:
Cheyenne Ross, Committee Administrator
Carla Mikkelsen, Committee Assistant



77th LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
SENATE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS
State Capitol
900 Court St. NE, Rm. 453
Salem, OR 97301
503-986-1813
FAX 503-986-1814

February 20, 2013

Scott Bedke, Speaker of the House
Brent Hill, Senate President Pro Tempore
Mike Moyle House Majority Leader
Bart Davis, Senate Majority Leader
John Rusche, House Minority Leader
Michelle Stennett, Senate Minority Leader

Rebecca Lockhart, Speaker of the House
Wayne Niederhauser, Senate President
Brad Dee, House Majority Leader
Ralph Okerlund, Senate Majority Leader
Jennifer Seelig, House Minority Leader
Gene Davis, Senate Minority Leader

Idaho State Legislature
700 West Jefferson Street
Boise ID

Utah House of Representatives
350 North State, Suite 350
POB 145030
Salt Lake City UT 84114

Utah Senate
350 North State, Suite 320
POB 145115
Salt Lake City UT 84114

Honorable Members in the leadership offices of the Idaho and Utah State Legislatures:

Like both Idaho and Utah, Oregon has important roadways dedicated to all veterans: Idaho has individual Medal of Honor Freeways; Utah's Interstate 15 is its Veterans Memorial Highway; and in Oregon, Interstate 205 is our War Veterans Memorial Freeway.


In addition to this, Oregon is currently contemplating the dedication of a portion of Interstate Highway 84 within her borders, to honor veterans of the Vietnam War specifically. (Reference [Senate Bill 461](#).)

The Senate Veterans and Emergency Preparedness Committee recently heard testimony from veterans of the Vietnam War, describing perhaps its most distinguishing feature: the general lack of civilian support at home for an unpopular campaign, that was unfairly extended and personalized against individual service members.

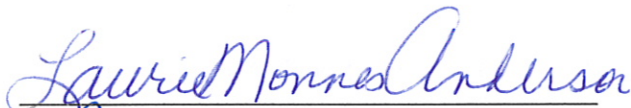
The dedication of a roadway specifically to honor Vietnam veterans, symbolizes the long road they have traveled, to finally be welcomed home.

We respectfully invite our peers and our neighbors in Idaho and Utah – who share Interstate 84 – to consider designating it the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway, in order to achieve an unbroken length of roadway specifically dedicated to veterans of the Vietnam War.

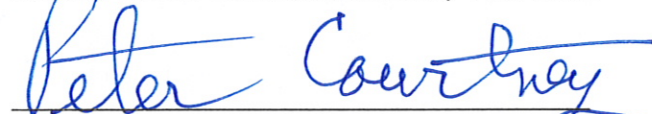
Sincerely,



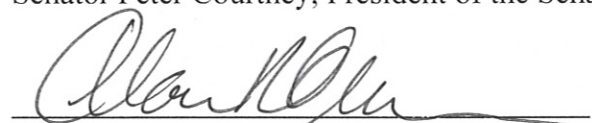
Senator Brian Boquist, Chair



Senator Laurie Monnes Anderson, Vice Chair



Senator Peter Courtney, President of the Senate



Senator Alan Olsen

cc: Vietnam Veterans of America, Oregon State Council
Post Office Box 2127
Terrebonne OR 97760

Vietnam Veterans of America, Idaho State Council
330 South Boyer Avenue
Sandpoint ID 83864

Vietnam Veterans of America, Southern Utah Chapter
Post Office Box 911055
St. George UT 84770