

**Testimony for Senate Concurrent Resolution 206 –
By Stephen L. Bates, Boring, Oregon
House Committee on Veterans and Emergency Preparedness – February 23, 2016**

Chair Lively, Vice Chairs Boone & Esquivel and committee members,

I am Steve Bates, a 38 year resident of Boring, Oregon.

I am here representing the Boring Community.

I am also an Associate Member of the Vietnam Veterans of America.

We thank you for hearing this Resolution.

On Thursday, February 11th, at the close of the House morning session, Representative Bill Kennemer made reference to this Resolution and introduced to the House of Representatives, my Boring neighbors, Mr. George Wright and his daughter Sherrie.

Mr. Wright is a World War II Navy Veteran and is 92 years old.

Mr. Wright lost two sons, two years and 10 days apart, in South Vietnam.

Marine Private George Nathan Wright in 1967 and,
Army Specialist Four James Alfred Wright in 1969.

Both of the Wright brothers were 21 years of age when they succumbed to hostile enemy fire.

Only 41 families throughout the United States lost two sons to the Vietnam War.

The Wright family has experienced loss and sacrifice that is distinct and worthy of honor and remembrance.

The Vietnam Veterans of America have visited with Mr. Wright and he has given permission for us to honor his sons.

We are seeking passage of this Concurrent Resolution so that we may approach ODOT and seek the placement of Vietnam Hero Highway signs in the memory of these two Boring heroes on Highway 26 as it passes through Boring. One on the westbound side, and one on the eastbound side at Mile Marker 19.

For the purpose of honoring the service and sacrifice of the Wright brothers, we sincerely request that this Resolution be moved to the House floor with a Do Adopt recommendation.

Thank you.