

Chair Boquist, Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to address you today. My name is Elaine Woods and I live in Beaverton.

I'm here today to strongly support SB 993, which designates August 7th of each year to be a Day of Recognition for those Oregonians who have served in our military and were wounded in action or died because of their injuries.

Many Oregonians have served and bear the scars on their bodies from their wounds. I remember when my husband returned home from serving in the Navy during the Vietnam War, that our brave men and women were greeted with scorn, rejection and had terrible lies shouted at them. I am so glad that this is not the case today and that we can honor and recognize those who served in the military and were willing to pay such a high price because they love this nation and what it stands for.

I appreciate this bill especially because it was written and submitted in honor of my good friend Sandy Raddue. She was so very proud of our military, especially her husband, whom she called her hero, for his bravery in combat.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak in support of SB 993. I ask you to support it as well and vote "Yes".