

Newell Bill

Chairman Evans and Distinguished Committee members.

We the parents of the late Randy Lee Newman, LCPL, USMC are unable to attend today's hearing on HCR 29 honoring our son who made the supreme sacrifice in Iraq over 10 years ago.

We requested one of the members of the Central Oregon delegation or their staff to read our statement and enter it into the public record.

We are indebted to Representative Buehler, Representative Whisnant and Senator Knopp for sponsoring HCR 29 and many other highway bills honoring veterans.

We are very pleased that Oregon has created the Fallen Heroes Memorial Highway sign program honoring fallen veterans of the Armed Services.

HCR 29 includes all the information justifying these special honors with prominent signs along highways heavily traveled by the public and reminding all that preserving our hard won freedoms comes at a very high cost to families, friends and our society.

We are also pleased that other parents of Fallen Heroes east of the Cascades have also sought this tribute for their sons and daughter.

While we and our extended family think of Randy every day, a sign near our home on US Highway 20 will remind us that Oregon will always remember and honor its fallen heroes.

We thank this Committee for the opportunity to add our support of HCR 29.

Respectfully,

Jerry and Ramona Newman
Bend, Oregon