

# Committee on Memorials and Remembrance

*"To Memorialize casualties of war and Remember the service of Military Veterans"*

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Chair Williamson, Vice Chair McLane, Vice Chair Rayfield and Committee Members:

I am Steve Bates, Chair of the Committee on Memorials and Remembrance. We are affiliated with the Vietnam Veterans of America.

On August 31, 2017 we held a dedication ceremony for the Fallen Hero Memorial Signs for the Johnson Brothers in Toledo, Oregon. After the ceremony, I was asked to assist VFW Commander Paul Gargis of Florence to honor a fallen son of his friend.

Commander Gargis provided some information and with assistance from Representative Andy Olson's office, we were placed in contact with Representative McKeown's office. And here we are. I wish to thank Representative McKeown for her sponsorship of this resolution and her staff for their assistance.

I did not know PFC Brice Scott or his family. His father is Steve Scott and his mother is Carol Tripp.

But, as I researched the news stories about PFC Scott, I knew we must honor this soldier and his surviving family.

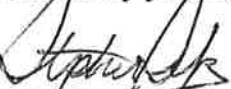
Before you today is House Concurrent Resolution 205 which details PFC Scott's sacrifice for our country.

PFC Brice Scott and two others were working on a security checkpoint in Kandahar Province, Afghanistan on July 31, 2011 when they were ambushed by eight insurgents.

Subsequently, Private First Class Brice M. Scott was killed while he came to the aid of one of his fellow soldiers.

Because of his sacrifice, I ask that this committee honor PFC Brice M. Scott and pass this resolution to the House Floor with a Do Adopt recommendation.

Sincerely yours,



Stephen L. Bates, Chair

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