

To the Eightieth Legislative Assembly,

We are submitting this testimony on behalf of Jimmy Floren's family. Jimmy was always a young man that went above and beyond what was required of him. As a boy scout, after his troop would go camping and tents and supplies were put away, the rest of the boys would go play until their parents picked them up. Jimmy would help the scout master clean up the camp sight.

Our parents planned to pay for Jimmy's college, but as a teen he spent his summers and school breaks working to earn his own way through the University of Oregon. While in college, some his fellow students lived too far a distance for them to return home for Thanksgiving and Christmas, so they would come home with Jimmy. We spent holidays with men from all over the country and world.

Prior to our parent's deaths, a man that was with Jimmy when he died contacted them. He said when he first arrived in Vietnam Jimmy helped him by having him stay close and showing him what to do to maximize his chance of survival. I understand this was not a common practice, since being around the new guys increase your own chance of injury. Dan still remains in contact.

In January 1968 Victor Peterson, Jimmy's squad leader, wrote a letter to our parents saying, "Jimmy always did a real good job for me. He was a son you should be very proud of." We have always been proud of him and always will be.

Jimmy's family finds it very gratifying that there are people, in addition to Jimmy's family, that think he is a hero and should be honored. We appreciate Oregon's Eightieth Legislative Assembly considering Jimmy Erik Floren for this great honor.

Regards, Anna LaVoie and Sharon Floren