

Committee on Memorials and Remembrance

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

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Testimony for SCR 2 – Honoring the Service of Corporal Jimmy Erik Floren
Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness
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Chair Olsen, Vice Chair Monnes-Anderson and Committee Members,

As an Associate Member of the Vietnam Veterans of America, I come before you today with extreme homage for Marine Corporal Jimmy Floren. I did not serve, but, he did.

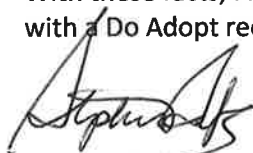
The text of SCR2 shares the story of a hero. This hero was decorated posthumously with a Purple Heart, the Navy Cross and the Silver Star.

The events of November 6, 1967 in Quang Nam Province, South Vietnam and the heroism of Corporal Floren should be memorialized and shared with future generations.

Benjamin Quen, a Klamath Falls resident, Chaplain for the Klamath Falls VFW Post and Marine Corps League Detachment, has stated his intent to do just that. Upon adoption of this resolution, Ben and his fellow Marine Corps League members will make application for a Fallen Hero Memorial Highway Sign to be installed on a state highway in Klamath Falls.

Albeit almost 52 years after he gallantly gave his life for his country, Marine Corporal Jimmy Erik Floren deserves every honor we can offer or provide.

With these facts, I humbly ask that this committee pass this concurrent resolution to the Senate Floor with a Do Adopt recommendation.



Stephen L. Bates

A Committee of the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 271

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