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On Behalf Of:

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Greetings,

As Jeff's brother serving with Department of Defense here at Stuttgart, Germany, and as a 27-year combat veteran of the United States Air Force, I am deeply grateful to the House Committee for taking the time to honor SP4 Paul Jeffry "Jeff" Cochran.

Jeff's service was voluntary—he was not drafted—he wanted to demonstrate to himself what it was to be an adult and make adult choices. He joined the Army and, more specifically, the 101st Airborne because it was a challenge to himself that he felt obliged to meet.

His death on 1 May 1968 outside the small village of Ap Cao Bang, Republic of South Vietnam, created reverberations that continue to echo through many lives—the lives of his comrades-in-arms who have not forgotten him and most especially in the lives of his family. He was and will continue to be missed.

Again, many thanks to the resolution's sponsor, Representative Gomberg, to Mr. Eric Nieman of Philomath, and to the House Committee for championing Jeff's memory and his ultimate sacrifice.

Warmest Regards,

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