

House Transportation and Public Safety Committee

Chairman: Doug Green

Letter of Support for HB 53 – Road Naming for PFC George Dennis McClelland

Thank you Chairman Green, Vice Chairman McClain, Ranking Member Sheehy, and Members of the House Transportation Committee for allowing us to show our support for House Bill 53.

We, Sherry Hoobler and Pam Mettenberger, sisters of PFC George Dennis McClelland, are writing this letter asking you to support House Bill 53 which would create a memorial highway in honor of our brother who was killed in Vietnam.

Our parents, Robert and Esther McClelland, gave the ultimate sacrifice, their youngest son Denny in service to our country. This recognition and honor for him would have meant so much to them.

We were so touched when we found out that Denny's friends and classmates from Jefferson Union High School had started the proceedings for this bill. It should tell you what kind of young man Denny was that his friends and classmates are still thinking of him after 52 years and wanted to honor his memory.

Denny was an exceptional young man. He was a loving and caring son, grandson, brother, and uncle to his family and a loyal and trusted friend to many. He loved spending time with his family, playing his guitar and fishing. Denny celebrated his 20th birthday in route to Vietnam. Unfortunately, he didn't get the chance to celebrate his 21st birthday or get married and have a family. He gave all for his country and the fight for freedom. We are so proud of him and miss him still.

Denny's family and friends would be extremely grateful and truly blessed to see him honored by the passing of House Bill 53.

Thank You,

The McClelland Family