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Senator Tim Knopp Supports Bill To Dedicate I-84 To Vietnam Veterans

Highway Vietnam Veterans Memorial Passes Senate

Salem, OR – Senator Tim Knopp supports bill to dedicate Interstate 84 to the Over 57,000 Oregonians served who our country during the Vietnam War. The bill instructs Oregon Department of Transportation to place signs honoring veterans of the Vietnam War along I-84 from Portland to Ontario. Last week, the Oregon State Senate voted 28-0, with 2 excused to pass [Senate Bill 461](#). Sen. Knopp was a Co-Chief Sponsor on this bipartisan bill along with: Senator Monnes Anderson, Senator Bates, Senator Beyer, Senator Burdick, Senator Devlin, Senator Edwards, Senator Hass, Representative Parrish, and Representative Huffman.

“You can never thank veterans enough,” Knopp said “without them we wouldn’t be able to do what we do. The sacrifice and virtue exhibited by military service to our country should be recognized at all times. I take honoring veterans very seriously.”

Currently only thirty-three other states have officially designated highways that specifically honor Vietnam veterans. Interstate 205 and sections of other highways throughout Oregon honor veterans but there is no freeway in Oregon specifically designated for Vietnam veterans.

“This bill states clearly to Vietnam Veterans that they are not forgotten and their service to our country needs to be recognized” Knopp expressed. “I would also like to extend a ‘thank you’ to my colleague Senator Alan Bates and Senator Monnes Anderson for their honorable service and all Oregonian’s who had served in the Vietnam War.”

Sen. Knopp was previously in the Legislature from 1999 to 2005 for three terms, including one as Oregon House Majority Leader, during the 2001 he supported property tax relief for disabled veterans ([HB 2282](#)). In 2003, Knopp sponsored [HB 2743](#) which allowed The Oregon Veterans’ Home, located along I-84 in The Dalles, to expand their services to reach more veterans. Tim was elected to his first term in the Oregon State Senate in November 2012. Senate District 27 encompasses the Central Oregon Communities of Bend, Redmond, Sunriver, and Tumalo.

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