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MEMORANDUM

To: Representative Chris Tuck,
Chair, House Military and Veterans Affairs Committee

From: Representative Laddie Shaw *Laddie Shaw*

Date: February 25, 2021

Re: Hearing Request for House Bill 34

I am writing to respectfully request that House Bill 34, entitled "An Act naming the Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Memorial Bridge", be heard in the House Finance Committee at the earliest convenience.

Attached to this request memorandum please find the bill packet containing the following:

- Sponsor statement for the current (unchanged) version of the bill
- Additional information:
 - Photos of the bridge to be named
 - Article entitled "The Coming of Age: The Role of the Helicopter in the Vietnam War", from *Army History*
 - The website of the Vietnam Helicopter Pilots' Association
 - Article entitled "Where Huey Pilots Trained and Heroes Were Made", from *Air & Space Magazine*
 - Article entitled "U.S. Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Fighting U.S. Army to Honor Buddies' Sacrifices", from *Time Magazine*
 - Article entitled "Vietnam Helicopter Pilots and Crew Members Honored", from *Helicopter Association International*

We would ask that the House Finance Committee invite the following testifiers to give testimony:

- Lynn Kile, President of the Alaska chapter of the Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association, 907-696-5453

We do not anticipate making a presentation with slides, nor do we anticipate needing to use any specialized audio/visual equipment.

The staff contact for this bill will be my staff Josh Walton, who can be reached at his desk at 465-6875, on his cell phone at 227-5785, or by email at Joshua.Walton@akleg.gov. He will be happy to provide any additional information that may be required.

Thank you for your consideration of House Bill 34.