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The Honorable Laddie Shaw
Co-Chair House Military and Veteran's Affairs Committee
State Capitol, Room 112
Juneau, AK 99801

The Honorable Steve Thompson
Co-Chair House Military and Veteran's Affairs Committee
State Capitol, Room 204
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Representatives Shaw and Thompson:

On behalf of the Department of Military and Veteran's Affairs (DMVA), I am writing to express support for HB 223 Naming Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Memorial Bridge.

This is a salute to the pilots that served with honor and valor. These pilots not only served as combat support, they also served as medevac for their wounded brethren. The life expectancy for a Vietnam pilot was 4 weeks. It is unfortunate that 2202 pilots never made it home. This legislation will undoubtedly pay the much deserved respect to the Vietnam Helicopter Pilots. Therefore, I offer this letter of support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Torrence W. Saxe".

TORRENCE W. SAXE Maj. Gen. AKNG
The Adjutant General - Alaska