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Mr. John D. Knott III  
Department of Alaska Military Order of the Purple Heart  
Fairbanks, Alaska


Dear Commander Knott:

The people of Soldotna, Alaska have a great admiration and the utmost gratitude for all the men and women who have selflessly served our country in the Armed Forces. On behalf of the City of Soldotna, I am proud to write this letter in support of your efforts to designate a new Purple Heart Trail, extending from the Parks Highway in Fairbanks to the Sterling Highway in Homer.

In 2012, the Soldotna City Council adopted Resolution 2012-057, officially designating Soldotna as a Purple Heart City. Thank you the opportunity to again recognize and honor wounded combat veterans and soldiers of all the military branches, who have been awarded the Purple Heart for their sacrifices made in the defense of this great nation. By designating the Sterling Highway as a Purple Heart Highway, visitors and residents of the City of Soldotna will be reminded, and can give tribute, to the men and women who have paid a high price for our freedom.

Thank you for your service to our nation.

Respectfully,

  
Paul J. Whitney  
Vice Mayor, City of Soldotna