

Good Morning Mr. Chairman and Committee Members,

My name is Fred Schmidt, Patrick Glennon was my cousin. I grew up with Pat and his brother Jim who were, in many ways, my big brothers. I am here, along with other members of Pat's family, to encourage this Committee's support for the passage of House Bill 1352 which would name a bridge on US Highway 52 in Wells County as a memorial to Pat recognizing the loss of his life while he was serving his country in the US Navy. We are appreciative of the tireless efforts of Jim Nelson, Virgil Horst and the volunteers of the MIA-POW Memorial at the ND Veterans Cemetery, Pat's surviving shipmates of the Frank E. Evans and their association and all the Veterans organizations who have worked so hard to ensure that the names of Pat and his deceased shipmates, who are interred in the South China Sea, are not forgotten. This includes their ongoing efforts to have Pat's name and those of his 73 shipmates added to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. Thank you. Are there any questions of the Committee?