

2023 HOUSE TRANSPORTATION

HB 1355

2023 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Transportation Committee
Room JW327E, State Capitol

HB 1355
1/20/2023

A bill relating to designating the bridge on state highway 6 as the Private First Class Ronald C. Goodiron Vietnam bridge.
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Chairman D. Ruby opened the hearing at 10:00AM.

Members present: Chairman Ruby, Vice Chairman Grueneich, Representatives Anderson, Christensen, Dyk, Frelich, Koppelman, Murphy, Timmons, Wagner, Weisz, Dakane, Dobervich. **Members absent:** Representative Hauck.

Discussion Topics:

- State Highway 6 name designation
- Committee vote

Jim Nelson, North Dakota Veterans Legislative Council, verbally testified in support. Recommended a location change to near Breien, North Dakota, County Road 134.

Wade Swenson, Office of Operations Director with North Dakota Department of Transportation, neutral testimony explaining where County Road 134 was located.

Chairman D. Ruby closed the hearing at 10:09 AM.

Representative B. Koppelman moved an oral amendment to remove Solen and replace it with “near Breien”.

Representative K. Anderson seconded.

Roll Call Vote

Representatives	Vote
Representative Dan Ruby	Y
Representative Jim Grueneich	Y
Representative Karen A. Anderson	Y
Representative Cole Christensen	Y
Representative Hamida Dakane	Y
Representative Gretchen Dobervich	Y
Representative Scott Dyk	Y
Representative Kathy Frelich	Y
Representative Dori Hauck	AB
Representative Ben Koppelman	Y
Representative Eric James Murphy	Y
Representative Kelby Timmons	Y
Representative Scott Wagner	Y

Representative Robin Weisz	Y
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Motion Carried 13-0-1

Representative B. Koppelman moved a Do Pass as amended.

Representative Dakane seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Representatives	Vote
Representative Dan Ruby	Y
Representative Jim Grueneich	Y
Representative Karen A. Anderson	Y
Representative Cole Christensen	Y
Representative Hamida Dakane	Y
Representative Gretchen Dobervich	Y
Representative Scott Dyk	Y
Representative Kathy Frelich	Y
Representative Dori Hauck	AB
Representative Ben Koppelman	Y
Representative Eric James Murphy	Y
Representative Kelby Timmons	Y
Representative Scott Wagner	Y
Representative Robin Weisz	Y

Motion Carried 13-0-1

Carrier: **Representative Dobervich**

Additional written testimony:

Lonnie Wangen, North Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs, testimony #14319.

Chairman D. Ruby adjourned at 10:11AM.

Mary Brucker, Committee Clerk

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Adopted by the House Transportation
Committee

January 20, 2023

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1355

Page 1, line 10, replace "in Solen" with "near Breien"

Renumber accordingly

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1355: Transportation Committee (Rep. D. Ruby, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (13 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1355 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

Page 1, line 10, replace "in Solen" with "near Breien"

Renumber accordingly

2023 SENATE TRANSPORTATION

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2023 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Transportation Committee
Fort Totten Room, State Capitol

HB 1355
3/2/2023

A BILL for an Act, relating to designating the bridge on state highway 6 as the PFC. Ronald C. Goodiron Vietnam bridge; and to provide a continuing appropriation.
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10:10 AM Chairman Clemens opened the hearing.
Chairman Clemens, Senators Conley, Larsen, Paulson, and Rummel were present.

Discussion Topics:

- Lasting tribute
- Goodiron history

10:11 AM Representative Satrom introduced the bill.

10:13 AM Jim Nelson, Director for Veteran Legislative Council, testified. #21744

10:17 AM Charles Murphy, Vietnam Vet, verbally testified.

Additional Written Testimony:

Lonnie Wangen #21311

10:19 AM Chairman Clemens adjourned the hearing.

Patricia Wilkens, Committee Clerk

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Transportation Committee Fort Totten Room, State Capitol

HB 1355
3/2/2023

A BILL for an Act relating to designating the bridge on state highway 6 as the PFC. Ronald C. Goodiron Vietnam bridge; and to provide a continuing appropriation.

10:31 AM Chair Clemens called the meeting to order.

Chairman Clemens, Senators Conley, Larsen, Paulson, Rummel were present.

Discussion Topics:

- Committee action

10:31 AM Senator Larsen moved a DO PASS on HB 1355

10:31 AM Senator Conley seconded.

Senators	Vote
Senator David A. Clemens	Y
Senator Cole Conley	Y
Senator Doug Larsen	Y
Senator Bob Paulson	Y
Senator Dean Rummel	Y

Motion passed 5-0-0

Senator Rummel will carry the bill.

10:32 AM Chair Clemens closed the meeting.

Patricia Wilkens, Committee Clerk

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1355: Transportation Committee (Sen. Clemens, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1355 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

2023 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Transportation Committee
Fort Totten Room, State Capitol

HB 1355
3/3/2023

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11:19 AM Chair Clemens opened the meeting.

Chairman Clemens, Senators Conley, Larsen, Paulson, Rummel were present.

Discussion Topics:

- Bridge Name
- Marine Titles

11:19 AM Senator Rummel provided an update on the bill.

11:22 AM Chair Clemens closed the meeting.

Justin Boone on behalf of Patricia Wilkens, Committee Clerk

TESTIMONY

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North Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs
Lonnie Wangen-Commissioner

1/20/2023

**House Transportation Committee
68th Legislative Session
Representative Ruby-Chair**

Chairman Ruby and House Transportation Committee,

Please accept this testimony in support of HB 1355.

Intent of this bill...

- Provide lasting recognition and appreciation to the North Dakota Service Men and Women who have died for our Country in time of war.
- US Marine PFC Ronald Christy Goodiron Vietnam Veteran. Shields ND

Need for bill...

- Keep their memory alive.
- Recognition to the family and friends they left behind
- Community involvement in the process

I support this bill and encourage the ND 68th Legislative Assembly to allow all bridges in ND be named after a Fallen ND Service Man or Woman.

Thank you for your consideration.

Lonnie Wangen Commissioner-NDDVA

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North Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs
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3/02/2023

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68th Legislative Session
Senator Clemens-Chair**

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Nathan Hale famously stated that "I only regret that I have but one life to give for my country". The sentiment, expressed by this quote has echoed and re-echoed in the hearts and lives of thousands upon thousands of Americans who have chosen to serve our country in the armed forces. The idea that liberty is more precious than life has reverberated in the call to defend the freedoms that we hold so dear. Thousands of American have given their lives to follow that call in fighting to preserve those freedoms. Since WWI over 3500 North Dakotas have died defending those principals.

This bill would create a lasting tribute to the sacrifices made by the fallen heroes from North Dakota and their families by bringing to light their selfless service to our country and ensuring their legacy is never forgotten. The naming of bridges after fallen soldiers is in practice by a host of states, such as Montana, South Dakota, Missouri, Indiana, and others. In 2017 Minnesota was considering passage of similar legislation. I was unable to verify if that legislation passed.

I will now give a short biography of Ronald C Goodiron. Ronald was born on the Standing Rock Reservation on December 23, 1947. He joined the United State Marines on July 13, 1967. On February 28, 1967, his company was searching for the enemy when there were three rapid explosions killing 3 and wounding 4. LCPL Ronald C Good iron was one of the 3. Posthumously he was awarded the Purple Heart and the Republic of Vietnam Civil Action Medal for outstanding achievements in the field of civil affairs.