

May 6, 2019

House Committee on Natural Resources
1324 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Raul Grijalva and Ranking Member Bob Bishop,

I am writing as the Chairman of the Spring City Veterans Memorial Association. Our Association is a very small non-profit organization committed to recognizing and honoring the veterans that have served in military service from Spring City, Utah. Spring City is a National Historic Area known for it's Mormon architecture and history.

The Mormon Pioneer National Heritage Area granted funding for our effort to provide the residents of Spring City a fitting Veterans Memorial. Without the generosity of MPNHA the monument would not have been a reality. The monument is located so that it enhances the Old Historic School House (restored in part by funds from the MPNHA) that now serves as the City Center and City Offices.

As a veteran (Vietnam Conflict and retired reservist) I am gratified by the support our community provided in matching funds for the MPNHA grant. There has been an outpouring of support for the honoring of Spring City Veterans. Communities along the Historic Highway 89 corridor are supporting the recognition of military service by erecting veteran memorials. The MPNHA has been instrumental in several communities in bringing memorials to fruition.

Both the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion have been supportive and appreciative of the efforts of the MPNHA to ensure our veterans are never forgotten. Passage of H.R. will help to ensure that veterans in rural areas can be honored for their service,

Sincerely,

Courtney D. Syme, Chairman

Spring City Veterans Memorial Association
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