

SENATE BILL NO. 59

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE STAFF SERGEANT ARTHUR J RAMBO MEMORIAL BRIDGE; AND DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO INSTALL SIGNS."

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Arthur J Rambo was born December 16, 1944, to Viola and Howard Rambo of Libby, Montana; and

WHEREAS, Arthur grew up on a farm outside Libby. He had a vibrant family life with his sisters, Kathleen and Patty, and brother, Dan, and he was active in the community through baseball, school choir, talent shows, and plays; and

WHEREAS, Arthur studied math at Carroll College and sang in the Carroll College Carrolleers, where he met his wife, Helen Ryan. They graduated in 1966 and married in Dillon, Montana, in 1967. Arthur then earned a degree in chemical engineering from the University of Notre Dame. The couple had a daughter, Kerry Lynn, in 1968; and

WHEREAS, Arthur was drafted and did not seek an exemption that he was eligible for, and he moved his new family to Libby, where his wife became a teacher; and

WHEREAS, after 11 months in the Army, Arthur was promoted to Staff Sergeant; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Arthur J Rambo arrived in Vietnam in August 1969. On November 26, 1969, his unit came under attack, and Staff Sergeant Arthur J Rambo worked heroically under fire to save his crew members and their military assets. He sustained fatal injuries and was awarded the Silver Star; and

WHEREAS, Arthur was survived by his wife, Helen, his daughter, Kerry Lynn, his newborn daughter, Amy Denise, and his extended family; and

WHEREAS, the Libby community asks that we honor the sacrifice and admirable life of Staff Sergeant Arthur J Rambo.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

