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Ned M. Barker, Commander
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Dear Mr. Barker:

We write in support of the initiative from the Idaho Department of Military Order of the Purple Heart to establish a section of U.S. Highway 20 passing through the Gem State as the "Idaho Medal of Honor Highway." Spanning 3,365 miles through 12 states, US 20 is the longest highway in the nation with more than 400 miles crossing through Idaho.


The Medal of Honor is the highest and most prestigious award the United States can bestow on a service member who has distinguished themselves by acts of valor. To date, 3,505 brave service members have received the honor with 48 recipients having direct ties to Idaho. Designating the Idaho portion of US 20 as the "Idaho Medal of Honor Highway" would provide a lasting tribute to all Medal of Honor recipients, but particularly those from Idaho. It would also afford the general public an opportunity to reflect on the extraordinary valor, sacrifices and services made to our great country by these recipients.


We commend the Idaho Department of Military Order of the Purple Heart for their efforts to rename the section of U.S. Highway 20 the "Idaho Medal of Honor Highway."

Sincerely,


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