

MINUTES
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & DEFENSE COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, March 10, 2020
TIME: 1:30 pm or Upon Adjournment
PLACE: Room EW40
MEMBERS: Chairman Palmer, Vice Chairman Shepherd, Representatives Gestrin, Kauffman, Youngblood, Dixon, Harris, Holtzclaw, Monks, DeMordaunt, Syme, Blanksma, Addis, Ricks, Wintrow, Gannon, Davis, Rubel
ABSENT/EXCUSED: Vice Chairman Shepherd, Representative(s) Monks, Blanksma, Wintrow, Gannon, Davis
GUESTS: Jeanette Davidson-Mayer, Our Central Command Post; Tracy Shaner, IDVS; Todd Lakey, Senate D12
Chairman Palmer called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.
MOTION: **Rep. Harris** made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2020, meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
SCR 123: **Senator Todd Lakey** presented **SCR 123**. This legislation establishes the State of Idaho's commitment to request federal grants to expand the Boise Veterans Cemetery and fund the renovation of multiple life safety projects at the Lewiston and Pocatello Veterans Homes. The resolution is necessary so the Idaho Division of Veterans Services (IDVS) can proceed with the application for federal grant funds.
MOTION: **Rep. Kauffman** made a motion to send **SCR 123** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Kauffman** will sponsor the bill on the floor.
SCR 133: **Rep. Syme** presented **SCR 133**. This Resolution proclaims the month of May as Hidden Heroes Month, in conjunction with Military Appreciation Month. **SCR 133** is an expression of support for military and Veteran caregivers.
Jeannette Davidson-Mayer, Our Central Command Post, spoke **in support** of the Resolution. She pointed out the challenges of caring for the wounded, ill, or injured American heroes. She also mentioned an alarming number of veteran and military caregivers suffer debilitating mental, physical, and emotional effects as a result of their caregiving duties.
MOTION: **Rep. DeMordaunt** made a motion to send **SCR 133** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Syme** will sponsor the bill on the floor.
ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Representative Palmer
Chair

Joyce McKenzie
Secretary