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Senate passes bill honoring fallen Marines from Londonderry

SB367 names new airport road access bridge for the late Lance Cpl Peter Sora and Private Eric Currier

CONCORD - With several of their relatives seated in the Chamber looking on, the Senate voted unanimously today on a bill naming a bridge on the newly-constructed airport access road after two fallen U.S. Marines from Londonderry: Lance Corporal Peter J. Sora, Jr., and Private First Class Eric D. Currier.

In his floor remarks addressing SB 367, Sen. Jim Rausch, R-Derry, turned to the family members seated behind him and said, "On behalf of the entire Senate, I want to offer my deepest condolences to you for the loss of your sons who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country. We are forever grateful to them. Lance Corporal Sora, known by family and friends as PJ, joined the Marines in 2003 and died in a training accident in 2004 while preparing for deployment. Private First Class Currier, who was recently married, had joined the Marines in 2009 and was killed in 2010 in Helmand Province, Afghanistan, during a military operation. Their deaths are a loss to all of us, especially those in the community of Londonderry where both men resided. It is our hope that the naming of this bridge will honor these two courageous men and inspire admiration for all those who fight for our country."

SB367 prime sponsor Sen. Sharon Carson, R-Londonderry, echoed Rausch's sentiments saying, "I am deeply honored to have the opportunity to work on this legislation. Finding a way to remember our fallen heroes can come in many forms, but it is always heartfelt. We can all take comfort in the fact the Sora/Currier Memorial Bridge will stand a long time. The entire Senate was moved by the loss of these brave Marines as well as the presence of so many of their relatives who witnessed the vote on this bill in person."

The bill now heads to the House where it is expected to pass. Following approval from the House, SB367 would then be sent to Gov. John Lynch's desk for his signature.

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