

Honorable Colleagues and Members of the House Transportation Committee

Thank You for taking the time to read my email today. It is very humbly that I ask you today to consider a "Do Pass," motion on HB 688 that Representative Eve Franklin will bring to you on Monday, February 14th.

My father served in the Montana State Legislature for four terms, representing the same folks in the Great Falls area that I represent today. Prior to serving in the legislature he worked for 42 years on the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad. My father was a servant leader in Montana. He knew he had much, so his philosophy was that he had much to return to the citizens of the Montana and he worked extremely hard for all Montanans. He counted both Democrats and Republicans among his friends.

When Dad first went to the legislature he knew the need to have a safe quick route between Great Falls and Billings. In 1991 most of what now is Montana Highway 3 was simply Highways 87/89, 200, 191, and 12. Dad worked with the Department of Transportation, Montana Motor Carriers and the citizens of Montana to see Highway 3 bring the other five Highways under one safe umbrella so folks could easily follow the safest quick route between Great Falls and Billings.

If you take the time to talk to any of the folks in the halls that served and worked with my Dad they would tell you that Montana and Montana citizens were the first priority of Pat Galvin. It is because of my Dad, his thoughtfulness, love of Montana, and caring of this place that I serve today.

My family originated here in Montana. My grandmother was born in what is now a ghost town, once a bustling mining town known as Castle. Castle is not far from what is now Montana Highway 3 and when I was a young girl, my father took me there.

Though my Dad was a Great Falls native, he was truly a son of Montana. Born in Great Falls, he was raised partially in Butte playing football at Butte High. It was then that he volunteered to serve in the US Marine Corps; serving two years in the Pacific Theatre during World War II. From JUNE 1944 TO JUNE 1946 Dad served ON THE USS WEST VIRGINIA. SERVED IN THE

AMERICAN THEATER AND PACIFIC THEATER
OCCUPATION. SERVED IN THE BATTLES OF PHILIPPINE
ISLANDS, OKINAWA, TOKYO BAY, SURIGAO STRAITS,
MARIANA ISLANDS AND PELELIU. CAUGHT IN 'HALSEY'S
TYPHOONS'. RECIPIENT OF ASIATIC-PACIFIC AREA
CAMPAIGN MEDAL WITH 2 STARS, WWII VICTORY MEDAL
AND PHILIPPINE LIBERATION MEDAL. PRESENT AT THE
SIGNING OF THE PEACE TREATY ON THE USS
MISSOURI.

After the war, he returned to Montana and followed his father to a long career with the Great Northern, later Burlington Northern Railway. Dad was most frequently working and his work took him to Laurel, Helena, Butte, and Havre. He also spent eighteen years living in Kalispell and working out of Whitefish between Havre and Spokane. He loved Montana and knew her people well and many folks across the state knew and respected him as well.

I know that my Dad would be humbled and honored if this legislation has even found its way before you for consideration.

I hope you will recognize my father as a devoted "Son of Montana" and honor his memory by supporting the designation of Montana Highway 3 as the Patrick G. Galvin Memorial Highway. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully

Representative Kathleen Galvin-Halcro

HD 26 Great Falls

Dear Honorable Member of the 2005 Montana Legislature,

Thank you for your service to the people of the State of Montana.

I respectfully request and encourage your support of a "Due Pass" motion on on HB 688, in recognition Patrick Galvin, my father.

I am confident that those of you who knew Dad, recognize how important Montana and her citizens were to him. He instilled that "love of place" in each of his children and grandchildren.

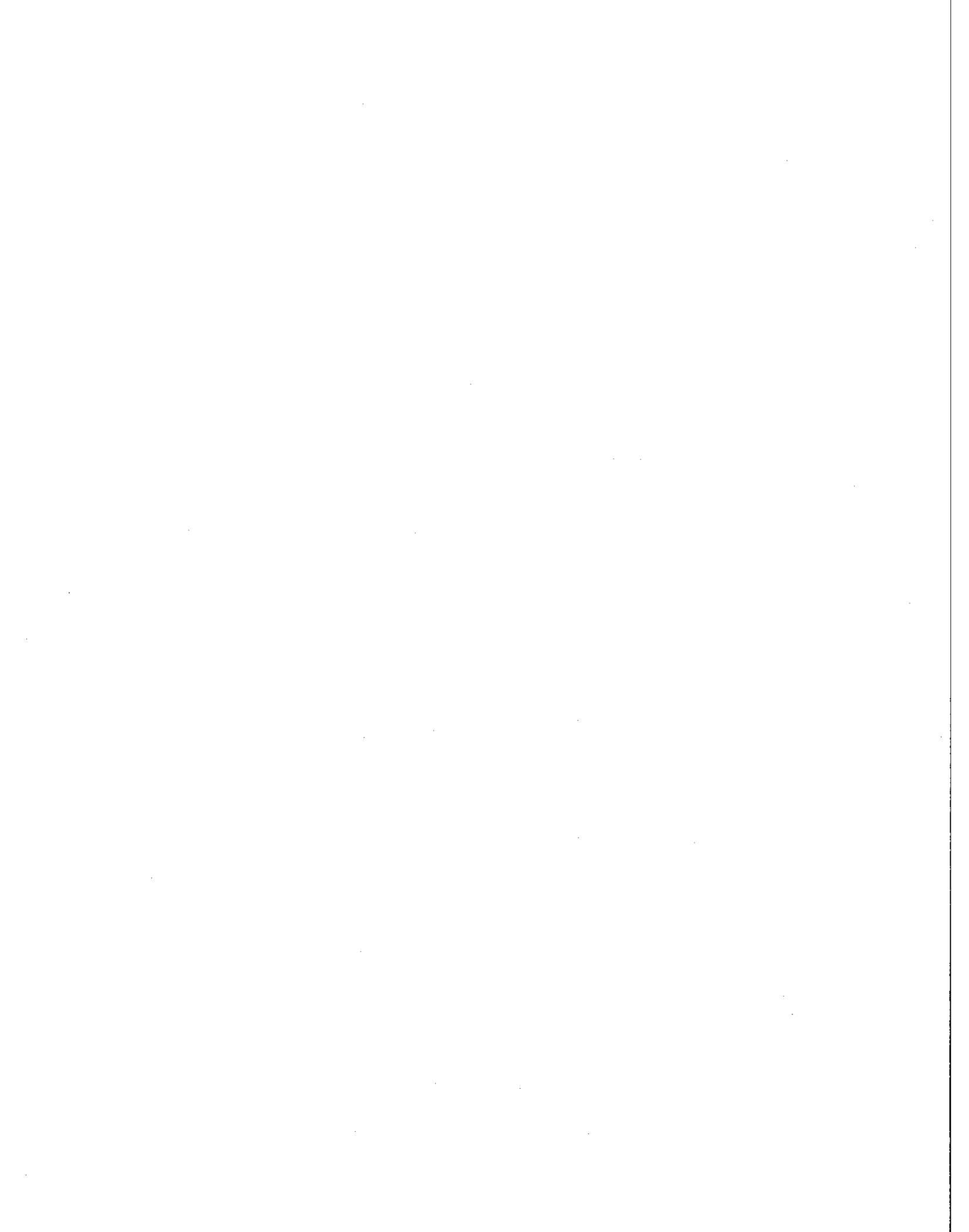
Dad's mother was born in what is now the ghost town of Castle, in 1892. The State of Montana was three years old and the Little Bighorn Battle had occurred only only sixteen years earlier. Castle lies a short distance off of Montana Highway 3, about halfway between Billings and Great Falls.

Dad was born and spent most of his life in Great Falls. At seventeen, he volunteered for the U.S. Marine Corps. and served for two years in the Pacific Theater during World War II. After the war, he returned to Montana and followed his father to a long career with the Great Northern, later Burlington Northern Railway. His many years on the road regularly took him to Laurel, Helena, Butte, and Havre. He also spent eighteen years living in Kalispell and working out of Whitefish between Havre and Spokane. He loved Montana and knew her people well.

When Dad "retired", he was privileged to represent the people of Great Falls for four terms in the State Legislature. He worked hard to serve the people and to protect their interests. I know that he would be humbled and honored that this legislation has even found its way before you for consideration.

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Sincerely,
Kevin Patrick Galvin

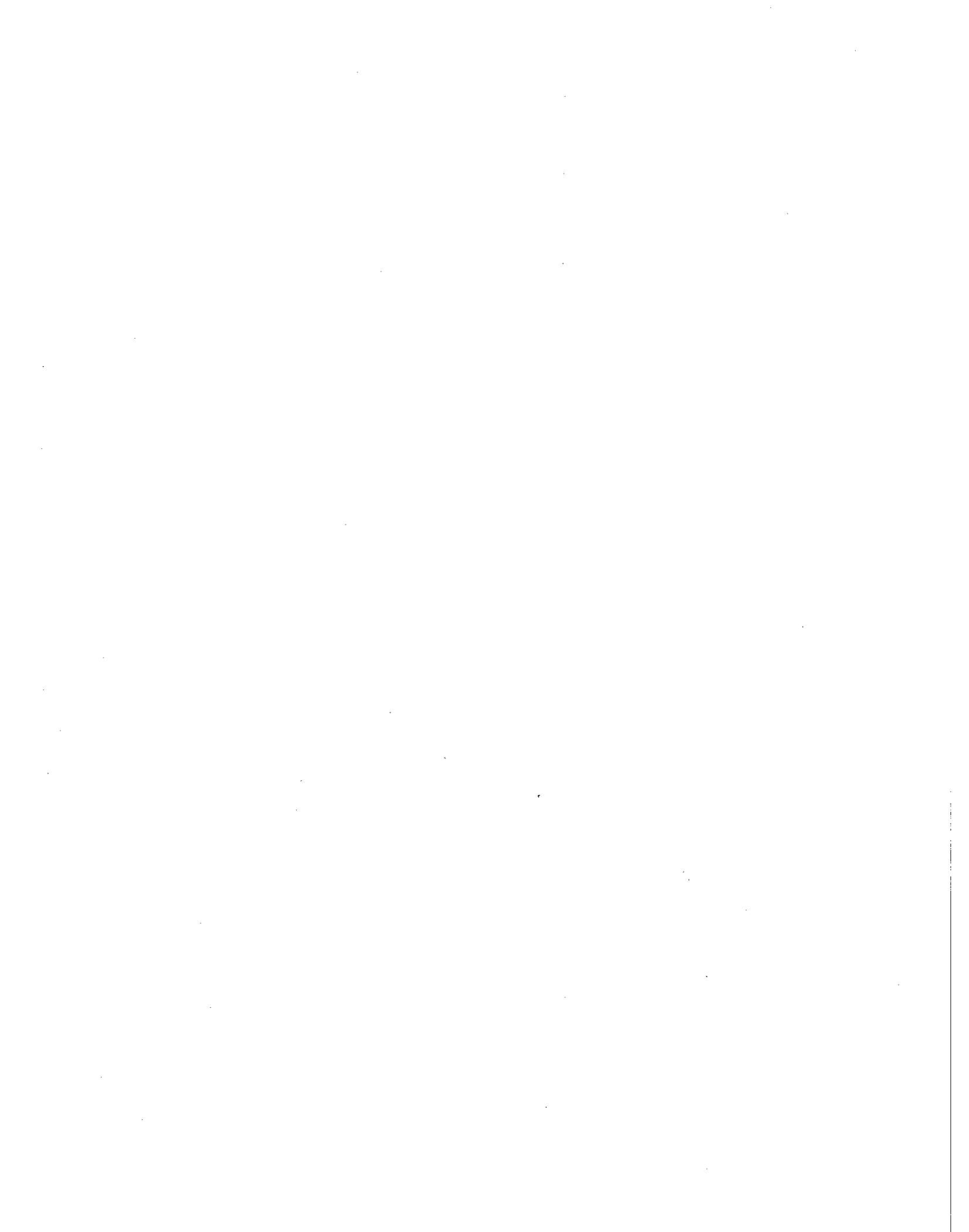


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recognition Patrick Galvin, my father.

I would like to echo the words and sentiments of all that have notified you in support of
HB 688. Many of us served as Pages in the legislature over the years Helen Galvin
O'Connell, Pat Galvin and Kathy Galvin-Halcro served.

Thank you for supporting this bill.

Respectfully,
Frances Galvin



Date: Sun, 13 Feb 2005 22:46:21 -0700

Dear Members of the House Transportation Committee:

Please consider a "Do Pass" motion for HB 688.

The reason I believe that MT Hwy 3 should be named in honor of Patrick G. Galvin is not because he is my grandfather, but because his life was an example of true Montana history. If history students of any age see a sign naming the highway in his honor, they may learn more about his life and what it truly means to serve others.

He served his family by being a dedicated and caring husband, father, grandfather, and great grandfather. He was there for his family and encouraged all of us to become productive, involved, conscientious, and caring citizens.

He served his employer by being a model employee. I never heard him complain about going to work on the railroad - or about doing any work, for that matter. At a young age, his fellow employees elected him to serve as a union leader. He became a voice to those who could not find a voice for themselves.

He served his country in the Marine Corps during World War II, earning several ribbons and medals during combat in the Pacific Theatre. Later in life, he continued to serve in the Marine Corps League. He also served his country by teaching others to respect the flag and the freedoms that he and others put their lives on the line to preserve.

He served the State of Montana by serving in the legislature. He had the unusual ability to see all sides of an issue and encourage all to do the right thing, take the higher road. One of my proudest life moments was the day I spent with him in the House.

He might not vote for this legislation himself, thinking it a waste of time. But to dignify that small part of Montana with the name of someone whose life exemplified what it means to be a Montanan seems appropriate to me.

Thank you and Sincerely,
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