

Timothy Nangle Senator, District 26

## THE MAINE SENATE 132nd Legislature

3 State House Station Augusta, Maine 04333

## Testimony of Senator Tim Nangle introducing LD 796, "Resolve, to Rename a Bridge in Windham and Gorham the Little Falls Veterans Memorial Bridge"

Before the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation March 25, 2025

Representative Crafts, and distinguished colleagues of the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation, as you know, my name is Tim Nangle. I represent Senate District 26, which includes the communities of Windham, Raymond, Casco, Frye Island, and part of Westbrook.

I'm pleased to bring forward LD 796, a resolve to rename MDOT Bridge #2787 on Route 202 — currently known as the South Windham Bridge — as the Little Falls Veterans Memorial Bridge. This bridge spans the Presumpscot River between the towns of Windham and Gorham, in a part of the community historically known as Little Falls.

Attached to my testimony is a letter from the Windham Town Council expressing their unanimous support for this renaming. The Council also communicated with town management in Gorham and confirmed they do not foresee any issues with the adjoining bridge being renamed.

Windham has a strong and active veterans community, anchored by organizations like Field-Allen American Legion Post 148 and VFW Post 10643 which jointly operate the Windham Veterans Center. These organizations not only honor the service of local veterans but also serve as vital community hubs for support, connection, and remembrance.

As you know, these types of memorial namings are common and meaningful ways to recognize local service and sacrifice. I hope you'll join me in supporting this community-driven request.

I'm happy to answer any questions.

Sincerely,

Tim Nangle

State Senator, Senate District 26

Representing Casco, Frye Island, Raymond, Windham, and part of Westbrook



## **Town of Windham**

Office of the Town Manager 8 School Road Windham, ME 04062

Barry A. Tibbetts, Town Manager batibbetts@windhammaine.us

207.892.1907 voice 207.892.1910 fax

## **SENT VIA EMAIL**

December 17, 2024

To: Senator Ben Chipman (Ben.Chipman@legislature.maine.gov)

From: Barry Tibbetts, Town Manager

Cc: Calista Cross, (calista@myfairpoint.net)

David Tanguay, Commander, American Legion Field Allen Post 148 (<a href="mailto:dtanguay46@aol.com">dtanguay46@aol.com</a>) Willie Goodman, Commander, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10643 (<a href="mailto:wgoodmanwl@aol.com">wgoodmanwl@aol.com</a>) Pam Whynot, President, Field Allen Post 148 Auxiliary (<a href="mailto:pwhynot8719@roadrunner.com">pwhynot8719@roadrunner.com</a>)

Senator Tim Nangle, Transportation Chair (tim.nangle@me.com)

Re: South Windham Bridge, Route 202 MDOT Bridge #2787

Hello Senator Chipman,

The Town Council is unanimously supportive of acknowledging our veterans' dedication, sacrifice and service. The Council, on December 12, 2024, voted to designate the South Windham Bridge, located on Route 202 (MDOT #2787) as the "Little Falls Veterans Memorial Bridge". This bridge is a connector between the towns of Gorham and Windham.

I have connected with management in the Town of Gorham, and we foresee no issues in renaming this adjoining bridge. We have included our veteran associations here in Windham so they may have advanced notice of the future name change. Should you need any other information please let me know.

Thank you for your consideration of this renaming.

Sincerely,

**Barry Tibbetts**