

WASHINGTON - Congressman Lee Terry praised today's passage of a Congressional Resolution in the House of Representatives paying honor and tribute to the Marines of Company M, 3rd Battalion, 7th Regiment, 1st Marine Division.

Congressman Terry introduced H.Res. 541, honoring the service and sacrifices of Company M, also known as Mike Company, whose members heroically served in Vietnam from 1965 to 1970. During this period in Vietnam, 137 Marines in Company M were killed in action and more than 1,000 were wounded in action.

"With deepest respect and admiration of the Marines of Company M, and all Americans serving in the U.S. military past and present, the words contained in this resolution cannot adequately express the debt we owe to brave Americans who stand firm in defense of our great country and the principles we hold dear," Congressman Terry said.

H.Res. 541 honors the Marines of M Company, more than 250 of whom gathered this week in Washington, DC, to salute the memories of their fallen comrades, celebrate the lives of their surviving comrades and honor the Marine Corps legacy of courage, patriotism, and military excellence. The Company unit is celebrating its 25th anniversary reunion on Saturday.

Sixty-two Members of the House, including 18 Members of the House Armed Services Committee and Defense Appropriations Ranking Member C.W. Bill Young, joined Congressman Terry in saluting Company M and cosponsoring H.Res. 541.

Retired USMC Captain James Sackett, a Nebraskan who served as a First Lieutenant in 1966 with M Company in Vietnam, said the annual reunion of a unit such as Company M is unique. The Mike 3/7 Vietnam Association has reunited surviving comrades largely because two of its founders were brought together following the dedication of The Wall at The Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, DC.

The comradery, resolve, and patriotism of the Marines of Company M are an inspiration to all Americans, Congressman Terry said.

