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JANET C. LONG COMMISSIONER

March 9, 2023

Senator Ed Hooper

3450 East Lake Road South Suite 305
Palm Harbor, FL 34685

Dear Senator Hooper

The Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners is proud to fully support Senator Ed Hooper's Senate Bill (72) and State Representative Adam Anderson's House Bill (285) designating a portion of Alternate U.S. Highway 19 (S.R. 595) in honor and memory of SPC Zachary L. Shannon.

Zachary L. Shannon was a lifelong Dunedin resident graduating from Dunedin High School and was part of a family who served their country. Zachary was a typical young teenager in many ways but was one of the few that enlisted to serve his country in the U.S. Army in August 2010.

Zachery L. Shannon was killed ten years ago on March 11, 2013, in Kandahar, Afghanistan in a UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter crash.

He returned home weeks after being killed to a welcoming community lining the streets along Pinehurst Avenue by Dunedin High School to the Dunedin Cemetery on Keene Road.

The Florida Legislature is expected to adopt a law during the 2023 Florida Legislative Session designating the portion of Alt U.S. 19/Edgewater Drive/Broadway/Bayshore Boulevard between Orange Street and Orangewood Drive in Pinellas County as the SPC Zachary L. Shannon Memorial Highway.

On behalf of the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners, we respectfully request your support and enactment of this important designation to recognize SPC Zachary L. Shannon and his service to this Country.

Sincerely,

Janet C. Long

Chair, Pinellas County Commission Commissioner, At-Large District 1

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