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MCPHERSON - The Kansas Patriot Guard recently recognized Congressman Jerry Moran and expressed appreciation for his service and dedication to veterans and military personnel. Last year, the House passed a resolution introduced by Moran commending Patriot Guard Riders for shielding military families from protesters at funerals.

"The Kansas Legion Riders and Patriot Guard wanted to recognize Congressman Moran with this special presentation," said Cregg Hansen, Kansas American Legion Riders Department Chairman and Patriot Guard Co-Captain from Mulvane Post 136. "He is very well respected for the service he provides Kansas veterans."

The movement began in 2005 when American Legion Riders from Mulvane, Kansas, responded to protesters disrupting funerals of service members. Calling themselves the "Patriot Guard" and appearing at the request of families, these Kansas motorcycle riders organized supporters to peacefully wave American flags and serve as a barrier between families and picketers. This movement led to the formation of a nationwide network of tens of thousands of members - including veterans and non-veterans, riders and non-riders - known as the "Patriot Guard Riders." The mission of the Patriot Guard Riders is to attend funeral services of fallen service members to show their respect and to shield families from interruptions created by protesters.

"I am honored to receive this recognition, but the real recognition goes to these individuals for their service to military families," Moran said. "These Kansas motorcycle riders provide an invaluable level of comfort to families and friends of our fallen soldiers and give them the peaceful time of mourning they deserve."

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