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**Testimony in SUPPORT of HJ 4 –
Commission to Establish a Maryland Women Veterans Memorial**

Women make up 51% of the State's population and 39% of this legislative chamber. We have made countless contributions to the state and our country, including service in the armed forces in every conflict in defense of the United States.

Despite these contributions, there is only one monument to women in the military in the entire State of Maryland. That monument took ten years to complete and countless hours of work by the tireless advocates.

HJ 4 is a call to action to recognize the achievements of women veterans. This bill asks the Governor to create a commission whose purpose is to establish a Maryland Women's Veteran Memorial.

In doing so, we would recognize the sacrifices and achievements of women veterans and celebrate what they have done for the state of Maryland.

Thank you and I ask for a favorable report on HJ 4.