House Joint Memorial 19

Sponsored by Representative NELSON (at the request of Oregon War Veterans Association)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure as introduced.

Urges Congress to fund transportation of, and United States Department of Defense to transport, comfort items to troops overseas at no cost on military flights.

JOINT MEMORIAL

To the President of the United States, the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, and the Secretary of the United States Department

We, your memorialists, the Seventy-fourth Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon, in legislative session assembled, respectfully represent as follows:

Whereas there is no question that comfort items donated to our heroic troops overseas add a much-needed touch of home for our troops; and

Whereas comfort items include peanuts, candy, applesauce, oatmeal packets, shampoo, batteries, music videos and cassettes, games and reading materials; and

Whereas countless organizations collect comfort items donated by grateful Americans and the cost of transporting the tons of donated items is prohibitive; and

Whereas although the United States Department of Defense transports privately donated humanitarian cargo to foreign countries using military transport at no cost to the donating organization, it does not transport comfort items to our troops; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:

That we, the members of the Seventy-fourth Legislative Assembly, respectfully urge the Congress of the United States of America to provide funds to transport comfort items on military transports and the United States Department of Defense to transport comfort items on military transports at no cost to the donating organization; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this memorial shall be sent to the President of the United States, to the Senate Majority Leader and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the Secretary of the United States Department of Defense and to each member of the Oregon Congressional Delegation.

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