

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

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Action: Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure  
Vote: 5 - 0 - 0  
Yeas: Bates, Kruse, Morrisette, Morse, Monnes Anderson  
Nays: 0  
Exc.: 0  
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Meeting Dates: 4/23

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Designates May 8<sup>th</sup> of each year as Military Family Appreciation Day. Declares an emergency, effective on passage

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- The need to recognize and honor military families
- Planned community activities throughout Oregon
- Widespread support among Oregon National Guard/Reserve citizen-soldiers

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** Oregonians have had a long-standing tradition of serving in the Armed Forces of the United States. As of June 30, 2008, approximately 21,731 Oregonians had served in the Iraq and Afghanistan wars, and between three to five hundred citizen-soldiers return each month from overseas assignments. The current operating environment often demands several tours of duty from Oregon's military families, as many service members who are married with children are deployed for long periods of time.

House Bill 2762-A recognizes and honors the sacrifice, support and dedication of the families of Oregon's men and women who have served, past and present, in order to defend the United States Constitution, and to preserve the liberties that all Americans and Oregonians cherish, by designating May 8<sup>th</sup> of each year as Military Appreciation Day.