

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

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Action: Be Adopted  
Vote: 8 - 0 - 0  
Yeas: Boone, Esquivel, Freeman, Komp, Matthews, Riley, Weidner, Cowan  
Nays: 0  
Exc.: 0  
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Meeting Dates: 5/26

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Memorializes the life of Thomas Paul Tennant (1957-2008).

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Former Woodburn Police Captain's selfless service and devotion to the community
- His tenacious, fiercely loyal and strong desire to mentor his officers and members of the department
- His enthusiasm for the outdoors, hunting and active involvement with various community service organizations
- His love and devotion to his wife of twenty-five years and his three children

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

**BACKGROUND:** Thomas Paul Tennant was born in Prineville, Oregon on February 20, 1957, and grew up on a farm in south Salem. While attending Sprague High School, his love for public safety and the common welfare began as an organizing member of the Salem Police Department Cadet Unit. Tennant graduated high school in 1975 and further continued his education, earning an associate's degree from Chemeketa Community College in 1977 and a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Western Oregon University in 1979.

Tennant was passionate about serving and protecting the public. Prior to 28 years with the Woodburn Police Department, he served in the Hubbard and Salem police departments. He distinguished himself at the Woodburn Police Department, where he was promoted to sergeant in 1989 and to captain in 2004. His proudest achievement came in 1993 when he graduated from the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy, a selective and rigorous professional course of study for U.S. and international law enforcement leaders that serves to improve the administration of justice in police departments and agencies at home and abroad and to raise law enforcement standards, knowledge, and cooperation worldwide.

Tennant selflessly gave back to his community where he was active and coached, mentored and fundraised for St. Luke's Catholic Church, Woodburn High School, Woodburn High School Bulldog Foundation and Blanchet Catholic School. He was dedicated to his wife of 25 years, Mary, and to his two grown daughters, Becky and Jenny, and son, Scott, who were his pride, joy, and life.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 12 honors Captain Tennant's more than three decades of loyalty, sacrifice and bravery to public service and the impeccable common welfare of the people of Woodburn and all Oregonians. A copy of this resolution will be sent to his family as an expression of the Legislative Assembly's esteem, appreciation and condolences.

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