76th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2011 Regular Session MEASURE: HCR 15 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY CARRIER: Rep. Witt

House Committee on Veterans Affairs

REVENUE: No revenue impact FISCAL: No fiscal impact

 Action:
 Be Adopted

 Vote:
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Yeas: Boone, Huffman, Matthews, Parrish, Esquivel, Witt

Nays: 0 Exc.: 0

Prepared By: Jill Petty, Administrator

Meeting Dates: 3/8

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Honors Philip Chester Bellefeuille for his service in World War II.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Refused to leave his unit when given the chance
- No living relatives
- Member of the Bend Band of Brothers
- Passed on March 6, 2011

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Corporal Philip Chester Bellefeuille was a member of the Fighting Fourth Marine Division in World War II. He participated in the invasions of five islands in the Pacific, including Saipan, where he took shrapnel in his leg. He received the Purple Heart for his service in Saipan. The Fighting Fourth Marine Division was decimated by casualties fighting in Iwo Jima. Philip Chester Bellefeuille was an active participant in numerous veterans' groups and helped found the Bend Band of Brothers. Philip Chester Bellefeuille passed away March 6, 2010, and House Concurrent Resolution 15 honors his service to his country.