

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Be Adopted
Vote: 6 - 0 - 0
Yeas: Boone, Huffman, Matthews, Parrish, Esquivel, Witt
Nays: 0
Exc.: 0
Prepared By: Jill Petty, Administrator
Meeting Dates: 3/8

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Memorializes the life of Colonel Kenneth Reusser for his service in World War II, Korea and Vietnam.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Most decorated Marine pilot in history
- Was severely burned in his last battle
- Retired after 28 years in the service

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Colonel Kenneth Reusser, a member of the United States Marine Corps, flew 213 combat missions in World War II, Korea and Vietnam. He was the most decorated Marine pilot in history, earning 57 decorations including four Purple Hearts. Colonel Reusser was badly burned in Vietnam and retired from the Marine Corps in 1968 after 28 years of service. Colonel Reusser was inducted into the Oregon Military Hall of Fame in 2009. Colonel Reusser passed away in 2009. House Concurrent Resolution 16 is a resolution to be presented to his family for appreciation, gratitude and condolences.