

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Be Adopted

Vote: 4 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Monnes Anderson, Olsen, President Courtney, Boquist

Nays: 0

Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 3/30, 4/13

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

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Colonel Reusser's valor from his first mission to his last
- Memorial to Colonel Reusser in Cloverdale, Oregon
- Colonel Reusser's impact on veterans in Oregon

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Colonel Kenneth L. Reusser was born in Cloverdale, Oregon on January 27, 1920. He was a member of the United States Marine Corps and flew 213 combat missions in World War II, Korea and Vietnam. Colonel Reusser was the most decorated Marine pilot in history, earning 57 decorations during his service. He was badly burned in Vietnam and retired from the Marine Corps in 1968 after nearly 28 years of service. Colonel Reusser was inducted into the Oregon Military Hall of Fame in 2007, and posthumously inducted into the Oregon Aviation Hall of Honor in 2009. Colonel Reusser died on June 20, 2009.

House Concurrent Resolution 16 recognizes and honors Colonel Kenneth Reusser for his service to his country and his contributions to Oregon.