

**Enrolled**  
**House Concurrent Resolution 15**

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS (at the request of Representatives Brad Witt,  
Wally Hicks and Jeff Barker)

Whereas Philip Chester Bellefeuille was born on July 14, 1923, of French and Native American ancestry; and

Whereas Philip Chester Bellefeuille enlisted in the United States Marines at 18 years of age in 1942; and

Whereas Philip Chester Bellefeuille, who achieved the rank of Corporal as a member of the Fighting Fourth Marine Division, participated in invasions of five islands in the Pacific-Roi and Namur in the Kwajalein Atoll, Saipan, Tinian and Iwo Jima; and

Whereas Philip Chester Bellefeuille took shrapnel in his leg during the fighting on Saipan and received a Purple Heart; and

Whereas Philip Chester Bellefeuille still carries the shrapnel in his leg today; and

Whereas Philip Chester Bellefeuille also received the Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal of World War II with four battle stars, the Victory Medal of World War II and a Good Conduct Medal; and

Whereas Philip Chester Bellefeuille's Marine division was decimated by casualties from the fighting on Iwo Jima and was returned to Camp Pendleton for deactivation and reassignment to other units; and

Whereas Philip Chester Bellefeuille is a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Bend and Redmond Posts; now, therefore,

**Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:**

That we, the members of the Seventy-sixth Legislative Assembly, express our gratitude for Philip Chester Bellefeuille's heroic service during World War II and bravery shown during some of the fiercest fighting of World War II.

Adopted by House March 16, 2011

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Ramona Kenady Line, Chief Clerk of House

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Bruce Hanna, Speaker of House

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Arnie Roblan, Speaker of House

Adopted by Senate April 18, 2011

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Peter Courtney, President of Senate