

House Concurrent Resolution 15

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS (at the request of Representative Brad Witt)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Honors Philip Chester Bellefeuille for his heroic service in World War II.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

4 Whereas Philip Chester Bellefeuille enlisted in the United States Marines at 18 years of age in
5 1942; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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