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OREGON DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

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The Honorable Margaret Doherty, Chair  
House Business and Labor Committee

**RE: House Bill 3243**

Chair Doherty and members of the House Committee on Business and Labor, I am Mitch Morrow, Deputy Director of the Oregon Department of Corrections (DOC). I am here to provide information about Buddy Herron; who he was and what he meant to the department.

DOC Correctional Officer Buddy Ray Herron was senselessly and tragically killed in the early morning hours of November 29, 2011 when on his way to work, he stopped to help a motorist who he thought was stranded by the side of the road.

Buddy was a hardworking correctional officer, a loving and loyal husband and a wonderful father to four children. He was well known in his hometown of Helix as a volunteer with the Helix Rural Fire Protection District, a rural neighborhood watch member and someone who tried always to be a Good Samaritan. He also worked for the Arizona Department of Corrections for 12 years and was a former Naval Reservist.

On February 23, 2012 House Concurrent Resolution 206 (HCR 206) passed unanimously on the House Floor in tribute to his legacy of honor, courage, bravery and sacrifice. Buddy's name is among those fallen in the line of duty whose names are listed on the Law Enforcement Memorials at DPSST and in Washington, DC.

Thank you for allowing me to share this information with you.

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