77th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2013 Regular Session

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee on Veterans' Services and Emergency Preparedness

REVENUE: No revenue impact FISCAL: No fiscal impact

 Action:
 Be Adopted

 Vote:
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Yeas: Boone, Esquivel, Fagan, Huffman, Parrish, Witt, Matthews

Nays: 0 Exc.: 0

Prepared By: Elizabeth Edwards, Administrator

Meeting Dates: 2/14

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Honors Lieutenant Commander Neil Swarthout for heroic acts as United States Navy pilot during World War II and Korean War.

MEASURE: HCR 4

CARRIER: Rep. Matthews

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Exemplary service of Lt. Commander Swarthout
- Paying respects to all veterans
- Rapidly declining number of WWII veterans

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Lt. Commander Swarthout moved to St. Helens, Oregon in 1928 at the age of six and later attended Oregon State College. He enlisted in the United States Navy in March 1942. During his service, he flew various aircraft in World War II and the Korean War. For his heroic acts, he was awarded five Air Medals and the Navy Cross. Upon returning from the Korean War, Lt. Commander Swarthout continued his service in the United States Navy Reserve until 1962 and officially retired from the United States Navy on March 14, 1982. House Concurrent Resolution 4 acknowledges his long and distinguished service.