

**REVENUE: No revenue impact**

**FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued**

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
<b>Vote:</b>	7 - 0 - 2
<b>Yeas:</b>	Barnhart, Berger, Dembrow, Hoyle, Jenson, Kennemer, Garrett
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	Hicks, Holvey
<b>Prepared By:</b>	Erin Seiler, Administrator
<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	2/27

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Provides that specified portion of Oregon Route 34 shall be known as Eric McKinley and Tyler Troyer Hero Memorial Highway. Expands use of Roadside Memorial Fund to include Fallen Hero roadside memorial signs to recognize and honor those killed in action or who died as result of wounds received while serving in Armed Forces of United States. Directs Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) to set and collect fee for costs associated with roadside memorial sign. Directs ODOT to establish size, design, and location of roadside memorial sign.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Military service of Eric McKinley and Tyler Troyer
- Life of Eric McKinley and Tyler Troyer
- Memorial signs as important way to remember sacrifice of fallen soldiers
- Symbolism of roadside signs
- Partnership with Oregon Department of Transportation to implement Roadside Memorial Fund

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**BACKGROUND:** In 2011, the Legislature established The Roadside Memorial Fund to collect and appropriate money to the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) for the purpose of erecting and maintaining roadside memorial signs that commemorate law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty if: (a) a concurrent resolution recognizing the police officer killed in the line of duty is adopted by the Legislature and (b) ODOT receives the payment of a fee for expenses associated with erecting, maintaining and removing a roadside memorial sign.

Marine Lance Cpl. Tyler Troyer died from wounds received while conducting combat operations against enemy forces near Al Karmah, Iraq on November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2005. Lance Cpl. Troyer was a native Oregonian, who after graduating from West Albany High School, enlisted in the Marines and was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

Oregon National Guard Specialist Eric McKinley was killed June 13, 2004 when his vehicle was attacked by small-arms fire and an improvised explosive device in Baghdad. Specialist McKinley was a native Oregonian who attended Philomath High School and lived in Corvallis, where he worked at Alpine Bakery. He was assigned to Company B, 2nd Battalion, 162nd Infantry Regiment, Army National Guard.

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