77th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2013 Regular Session MEASURE: SB 832 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY CARRIER: Sen. Olsen

Senate Committee on Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

REVENUE: No revenue impact FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

Vote: 4 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Monnes Anderson, Olsen, President Courtney, Boquist

Nays: 0 **Exc.:** 0

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Meeting Dates: 4/18

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Designates every second Sunday in August, Spirit of '45 Day.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- History, mission, and annual events and activities of "Sprit of 45" campaign
- Connection to Honor Flight of Oregon
- Eyewitness account of arrival of American troops for D-Day, June 5th and 6th, 1944, from British war bride
- Expressing gratitude before WWII generation is gone, and corresponding loss of work ethic and ideals

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Includes opening language specifically for Oregon.

BACKGROUND: The World War II generation is known as The Greatest Generation for a reason: Its quiet, indelible, collective national sacrifice and unity of effort, to bring down the most horrific enemy the world had yet known; and then recover. The example set by the World War II generation continues to inspire subsequent generations the world over. Senate Bill 832A designates every second Sunday in August, the Spirit of '45 Day, to commemorate not only the Greatest Generation's extraordinary contributions, but the enduring model of service, cooperation, hard work, humility, and selfless courage they exemplify.