

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** No fiscal impact

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<b>Action:</b>	Be Adopted
<b>Vote:</b>	9 - 0 - 0
<b>Yeas:</b>	Barnhart, Berger, Dembrow, Hicks, Holvey, Hoyle, Jenson, Kennemer, Garrett
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	0
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	5/6

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Honoring Jackson County Sheriff August D. Singler on 100th anniversary of his death.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Life of Sheriff Singler
- His commitment to protecting his family and citizens of Jackson County
- Sacrifice of Sheriff Singler

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** House Resolution 4 honors August Singler, former Sheriff of Jackson County, Oregon. Sheriff August David Singler was killed in the line of duty on April 23, 1913, the first law enforcement officer and only Sheriff in Jackson County to die in this tragic way. He was a very special individual who, during his short tenure in law enforcement, gave his life in service for the citizens of Jackson County and the State of Oregon. His place in history is recognized because of his selfless service to his community and respect for the rule of law.

August Singler was born on May 28, 1876, in Millersburg, Indiana, and was one of 13 children of John and Susan Singler. At a later date, the Singler family moved to South Bend, Indiana, where August met his future wife Rose Probst. They eventually married on November 15, 1898 and made their home in South Bend, Indiana, where their first child was born. An adventurous man, he hitchhiked to Southern Oregon twice before he wired for his wife and three children who then came to Oregon by train.

He was involved in many civic organizations including the Moose Lodge, Redmens, Woodsman of the World, Knights of Columbus, and was a charter member of the Elks Lodge. Because of his extensive involvement, he was known as a spirited man who gave much of himself and his time to the community. In 1909, August was appointed Constable of the Medford District and served four years in this position. Upon his appointment, Sheriff Singler's reputation as keeper of the peace surfaced quickly. He would track criminals by horseback, railroad handcar, car, and buckboard--always seeming to capture the offenders. His efforts to bring people to justice earned him the nickname Sherlock Holmes. Sheriff Singler was responsible for introducing the art of fingerprinting to Jackson County and was the first lawman to use bloodhounds in this area.

In 1912, August Singler decided to run for Sheriff of Jackson County, successful in the primary election against a tough opponent, he went on to defeat the popular incumbent Sheriff Wilber Jones. Mr. Singler's term as sheriff began in January 1913. On April 22, 1913, while attempting to serve an arrest warrant, he was fatally wounded. Sheriff Singler passed away the next day, April 23, leaving behind his wife Rose and their eight children. He was the first law enforcement officer to die in the line of duty in Jackson County. House Resolution 4 recognizes Sheriff August Singler for his commitment to his community, concern for his neighbors, and leadership in Jackson County on the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his tragic and untimely death.

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