$77 th\ OREGON\ LEGISLATIVE\ ASSEMBLY-2013\ Regular\ Session\ STAFF\ MEASURE\ SUMMARY$

House Committee on Veterans' Services and Emergency Preparedness Rep. Parrish

MEASURE: SB 832 A

CARRIER: Rep. Thatcher

REVENUE: No revenue impact **FISCAL:** No fiscal impact

Action: Do Pass **Vote:** 6 - 0 - 1

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

Nays: 0 Exc.: Fagan

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Meeting Dates: 5/7

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

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Need to ensure meaningful celebrations occur on Spirit of '45 Day so not forgotten
- Desire to complete WWII Memorial
- Honoring entire generation, not just veterans
- Personal stories of family involvement in WWII
- Oregon honor flights for WWII veterans

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

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. Senate Bill 832A designates every second Sunday in August as the Spirit of '45 Day to commemorate the Greatest Generation's extraordinary contributions and enduring model of service, cooperation, hard work, humility, and selfless courage.