

House Bill 3494

Sponsored by Representative BARTON

SUMMARY

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Directs Department of Transportation to erect and maintain roadside memorial sign for Tyrone Woods. Requires payment of fee before department may erect sign.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1 Relating to roadside memorial signs; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 366.932.

2 Whereas Tyrone Snowden Woods was born on January 15, 1971, in Portland, Oregon, and grew
3 up in locations around Oregon and Washington; and

4 Whereas Tyrone Snowden Woods graduated from Oregon City High School, where he competed
5 on the wrestling team; and

6 Whereas Tyrone Snowden Woods joined the United States Navy in 1990 and became a SEAL,
7 receiving his trident in October 1991; and

8 Whereas Tyrone Snowden Woods served multiple tours of duty in places such as Somalia, Iraq
9 and Afghanistan and was the medical corpsman and paramedic on SEAL teams one, three and five;
10 and
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12 Whereas in 2010 Tyrone Snowden Woods retired from the Navy after 20 years of honorable
13 service to his country, during which he received the Bronze Star Medal with Combat "V," the Na-
14 tional Defense Service Medal, the Iraq Campaign Medal and the Global War on Terrorism Service
15 Medal, among other awards; and

16 Whereas in addition to being a SEAL, Tyrone Snowden Woods was also a registered nurse and
17 certified paramedic; and

18 Whereas Tyrone Snowden Woods was working as a private security and intelligence contractor
19 for the Central Intelligence Agency and the United States Department of State in Benghazi, Libya,
20 when he perished on September 12, 2012, after saving the lives of approximately 25 staff personnel
21 at the United States diplomatic mission and the Central Intelligence Agency annex, which were
22 under attack by militants; and

23 Whereas in a statement on September 14, 2012, at a ceremony that accompanied the dignified
24 transfer of remains at Andrews Air Force Base, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton described
25 Tyrone Snowden Woods as having "the hands of a healer as well as the arms of a warrior"; now,
26 therefore,

27 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

28 **SECTION 1. (1) Subject to subsection (2) of this section, to recognize and honor Tyrone**
29 **Woods for his service to the United States, the Department of Transportation shall erect and**
30 **maintain a roadside memorial sign on Oregon Route 213, near milepost 2.**

31 **(2) The department may not erect a roadside memorial sign until the department receives**

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1 **the payment of a fee. The department shall determine the amount of the fee by rule, except**
2 **that the fee may not exceed the direct and indirect expenses associated with erecting,**
3 **maintaining and removing a roadside memorial sign.**

4 **(3) The department shall deposit the fees that the department collects under this section**
5 **into the Roadside Memorial Fund established under ORS 366.932.**

6 **(4) A public body, as defined in ORS 174.109, may not expend moneys for the purpose of**
7 **paying the fee required under subsection (2) of this section.**

8 **(5) The department, by rule, shall establish the size, design and location of the roadside**
9 **memorial sign erected under this section. The sign must include the name of the individual**
10 **the sign is recognizing.**

11 **SECTION 2.** ORS 366.932 is amended to read:

12 366.932. The Roadside Memorial Fund is established in the State Treasury, separate and distinct
13 from the General Fund. Moneys in the Roadside Memorial Fund are continuously appropriated to
14 the Department of Transportation for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of ORS 366.930 **and**
15 **section 1 of this 2013 Act.**
