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Senate Bill 461

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CHAPTER

AN ACT

Relating to Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway.

Whereas during the Vietnam War more than 57,000 Oregonians served in Vietnam, Thailand, Cambodia and Laos on land and sea and in the air; and

Whereas 719 Oregonians lost their lives and more than 5,000 were wounded during the Vietnam War; and

Whereas 39 Oregonians remain missing in action; and

Whereas 118,000 Vietnam veterans live in Oregon and represent 34 percent of all Oregon veterans; and

Whereas 33 states have dedicated Vietnam veterans' memorial highways honoring their Vietnam veterans; and

Whereas Interstate 84 in Oregon does not pay tribute to any other veterans group; and

Whereas the Oregon State Council, Vietnam Veterans of America, has offered to pay the funds necessary for creating, installing and maintaining "Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway" signs; now, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. (1) **The portion of Interstate 84, beginning where it intersects with Interstate 5 in Portland and ending at the Idaho state line, shall also be known as the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway.**

(2) **The Department of Transportation shall place and maintain suitable markers along the highway described in this section that indicate the designation of the highway as the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway.**

(3)(a) **The department may accept moneys from and may enter into agreements with veterans groups to create, install and maintain the markers.**

(b) **The department may not use public funds for the installation and maintenance of the markers.**

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Robert Taylor, Secretary of Senate

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