

Senate Bill 461

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SUMMARY

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Provides that Interstate 84 in Oregon shall be known as Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway.

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

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

7 Whereas 39 Oregonians remain missing in action; and

8 Whereas 118,000 Vietnam veterans live in Oregon and represent 34 percent of all Oregon vet-
9 erans; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.