

Enrolled
Senate Concurrent Resolution 9

Sponsored by Senator HASS, Representative READ; Senators BOQUIST, STEINER HAYWARD,
Representatives BARKER, DOHERTY, HARKER

Whereas Andrew Keller was born on November 16, 1989, in Portland, Oregon; and

Whereas Andrew Keller graduated from Southridge High School in 2008 after having been named captain and most valuable player of the football team and leading the team to the Class 6A state high school football playoffs in his senior year; and

Whereas Andrew Keller joined the United States Army on March 15, 2011, graduating from Basic Combat Training and Advanced Individual Training on June 30, 2011, and graduating at the top of his class from Airborne School on August 10, 2011; and

Whereas Andrew Keller was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team, based in Caserma Ederle, Vicenza, Italy; and

Whereas Andrew Keller was deployed to Afghanistan on July 14, 2012; and

Whereas showing exemplary initiative and leadership, Andrew Keller was promoted to team leader within a few weeks of deployment; and

Whereas Andrew Keller was killed in combat in Afghanistan on August 15, 2012, when he was shot by insurgents during a mission to secure an observation spot; and

Whereas Andrew Keller was laid to rest on August 25, 2012, at Willamette National Cemetery; and

Whereas Andrew Keller was posthumously awarded a Bronze Star Medal, a Purple Heart and an Army Commendation Medal for exceptional service and wounds received in action; and

Whereas Andrew Keller will be remembered for being a loyal and conscientious man who cared deeply about making a positive impact on the lives of those around him; and

Whereas Andrew Keller is survived by his father, Jeff, his mother, Kim, his brother, Derek, and his fiancée, Marissa Jones; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:

That we, the members of the Seventy-seventh Legislative Assembly, honor Andrew Keller for his service and sacrifice and extend our deepest sympathies to his family.

Adopted by Senate March 20, 2013

Robert Taylor, Secretary of Senate

Peter Courtney, President of Senate

Adopted by House May 15, 2013

Tina Kotek, Speaker of House