77th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2014 Regular Session **MEASURE: SCR 202** CARRIER: Rep. Barton

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee on Rules

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

Action: Be Adopted Vote: 9 - 0 - 0

> Barnhart, Berger, Harker, Hicks, Holvey, Jenson, Kennemer, Smith Warner, Hoyle Yeas:

Navs: Exc.: 0

Erin Seiler, Administrator **Prepared By:**

Meeting Dates: 2/24

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Honoring heroism of Oregon City Reserve Police Officer Robert Libke.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Officer Libke's dedication to his community
- His ultimate sacrifice protecting others

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: On November 3, 2013, Oregon City Reserve Officer Robert Libke was fatally shot while responding to reports of a house fire and a gunman at large. He was the first Oregon City police officer killed in the line of duty since 1906 and the 177th police officer killed in the history of Oregon.

Officer Libke grew up in Portland, graduating from Marshall High School in 1991, and going on to become a general supervisor at Evraz Oregon Steel in Portland. He served as a volunteer reserve officer for Oregon City since 2009, while training with the Oregon City Police Department to become a full-time officer. His service to his community extended beyond his police work: he volunteered his time with various community groups and organized a block watch on his street to prevent nuisance crimes.

Posthumously, Officer Libke received numerous awards, including the Medal of Valor, the Purple Heart, the Distinguished Service Medal, the Medal of Ultimate Sacrifice and the Oregon City Police Chief's Medal of Merit as the actions he took on November 3rd saved the lives of three bystanders.

House Concurrent Resolution 202 recognizes and honors Reserve Officer Robert Libke for his service, leadership, duty and gallantry that touched the lives of countless Oregonians.