

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
HOUSE BILL 4023**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, after line 2, insert:

2 “Whereas the Warm Springs Reservation was founded by the Treaty with
3 the Tribes of Middle Oregon, 12 Stat. 963 (1855); and

4 “Whereas the sovereign tribes and bands, now recognized as the Confed-
5 erated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon, have continued
6 to operate, governing under a constitutional form of government; and

7 “Whereas veterans who are members of the Confederated Tribes have
8 served the United States of America with distinction and honor and have
9 made willing sacrifices during our nation’s wars, conflicts and national se-
10 curity missions dating to the Early Indian Wars of Oregon; and

11 “Whereas the State of Oregon has honored veterans, including veterans
12 of foreign wars, with honorific signs on U.S. Highway 97, Interstate 84,
13 Interstate 205, State Highway 126 and State Highway 62 as a tribute to all
14 of the men and women who have answered our nation’s call to military ser-
15 vice; and

16 “Whereas the State of Oregon has not designated any highway in Oregon
17 to honor the unique history and heritage of veterans of the Confederated
18 Tribes since the founding of the Warm Springs Reservation; and

19 “Whereas an approximately 35-mile section of U.S. Highway 26, which
20 traverses the Warm Springs Reservation, lies within a right of way granted
21 by the United States in accordance with 25 U.S.C. 311 and is not named for
22 or designated to honor any veteran; and

1 “Whereas an honorary designation of the portion of U.S. Highway 26 that
2 traverses the Warm Springs Reservation does not require a change in the
3 name or designation of the highway; and

4 “Whereas The Museum at Warm Springs on U.S. Highway 26 contains
5 memorials and displays commemorating a call to serve our nation in the
6 defense of peace, freedom and vital national interests by veterans who are
7 members of the Confederated Tribes; and

8 “Whereas 499 veterans who are members of the Confederated Tribes are
9 listed as having answered our nation’s call to duty and served with honor,
10 dedication and selfless conviction, and some of those veterans made the su-
11 preme sacrifice, giving their lives in defense of our nation during the fol-
12 lowing eras of armed hostilities and related missions:

13 “Early Indian Wars of Oregon (Modoc and Snake Indian Wars) - 97;

14 “World War I - 14;

15 “World War II - 114;

16 “Korean War - 97;

17 “Vietnam War - 107;

18 “Global War on Terrorism - 70; and

19 “Whereas Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4217 in Warm Springs is named
20 in honor of Elliott Palmer, an Army veteran killed during World War II; and

21 “Whereas American Legion Post 48 is named in honor of Eugene A.
22 ‘Cougar’ Greene Sr., a distinguished recipient of the Army Silver Star, which
23 he earned in the Korean War for conspicuous courage under enemy fire; and

24 “Whereas designation of U.S. Highway 26 as the Warm Springs Veterans
25 Memorial Highway will preserve and foster a sense of patriotism and honor
26 the enduring warrior spirit for all tribal veterans and their families, tribal
27 members, all military veterans and highway travelers; and

28 “Whereas the Warm Springs community and veterans have offered to pay
29 for the design, fabrication, installation and maintenance of signs meeting
30 standards of the Department of Transportation without cost to taxpayers or

1 the State of Oregon; now, therefore,”.

2 On page 2, after line 4, insert:

3 **“SECTION 6. (1) The portion of U.S. Highway 26 within the Warm**
4 **Springs Reservation shall be known as the Warm Springs Veterans**
5 **Memorial Highway.**

6 **“(2) The Department of Transportation shall place and maintain**
7 **suitable markers along the highway described in this section that in-**
8 **dicating the designation of the highway as the Warm Springs Veterans**
9 **Memorial Highway.**

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

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

15 In line 5, delete “6” and insert “7”.

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