

**PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY****CARRIER:**

Senate Committee on Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

**REVENUE: No revenue impact****FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued****SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO: None****Action:****Vote:****Yeas:****Nays:****Exc.:****Prepared By:** Cheyenne Ross, Administrator**Meeting Dates:** 3/31, 4/7**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Memorializes Army Specialist John Alexander Pelham, 1991-2014.**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- John Pelham's service and sacrifice
- Process to install memorial road signs

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** John Pelham grew up in the Pacific Northwest, graduated from Sunset High School in Beaverton, and joined the United States Army in July 2011. He completed basic combat training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, and his military education included: Advanced Individual Training to become a signals intelligence analyst; the Basic Airborne Course; the Combat Lifesaver Course; and the Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape Course. His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, the Purple Heart, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Joint Service Achievement Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal with Campaign Star, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization Medal, the Combat Action Badge, and the Parachutist Badge. He was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 3rd Special Forces Group (Airborne), Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

John Pelham passed away on February 12, 2014, at the age of 22, from wounds received in an exchange of small-arms fire on his second tour in Afghanistan. Nearly 1,000 people attended his funeral. He is greatly loved and missed.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 7 honors and memorializes John Alexander Pelham.