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SUMMARY

Recognizes and honors Corporal Keaton Grant Coffey (1989-2012) for his service to his country.

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Whereas Corporal Keaton Grant Coffey was born on August 21, 1989, to a family of firefighters and police officers, and grew up in Boring, Oregon; and

Whereas Corporal Keaton Coffey grew up learning about hard work and faith and secretly yearned to serve his country long before his parents had any inkling of his desire; and

Whereas Corporal Keaton Coffey graduated from Damascus Christian School in 2007 and attended George Fox University before enlisting in the United States Marine Corps in 2008; and

Whereas Corporal Keaton Coffey was assigned to the 1st Law Enforcement Battalion, 1st Marine Headquarters Group, 1st Marine Expeditionary Force, at Camp Pendleton, California, and worked as a dog handler; and

Whereas Corporal Keaton Coffey was loved and respected by his fellow Marines as being exemplary at his job and never shying away from danger; and

Whereas Corporal Keaton Coffey earned the moniker “Coleslaw Coffey” when he was not pleased with the performance of his team and threw his plate of coleslaw at them, getting the coleslaw on the communication center equipment just as the gunnery sergeant arrived; and

Whereas Corporal Keaton Coffey was engaged to Brittany Dygert, whom

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.

1 he planned to marry on July 14, 2012; and

2 Whereas Corporal Keaton Coffey was on his second tour of duty with a
3 Marine Special Operations Regiment, also called the Marine Raiders, as
4 their Military Working Dog handler when he was killed on May 24, 2012,
5 while conducting combat operations in Helmand Province, Afghanistan; and

6 Whereas Corporal Keaton Coffey believed in the importance of service
7 and hoped to follow in his father's footsteps to become a firefighter; and

8 Whereas Corporal Keaton Coffey's greatest passion was his devotion to
9 his fiancée, Brittany; and

10 Whereas Corporal Keaton Coffey enjoyed many hobbies in his life, in-
11 cluding reading, surfing and health and fitness; and

12 Whereas the third annual Hero Half Marathon on May 23, 2015, will
13 dedicate proceeds to Vietnam veterans, the Keaton Coffey Memorial Schol-
14 arship and the families of the Marine Raiders killed in a recent training
15 exercise in Florida; and

16 Whereas as part of the Hero Half Marathon fundraising efforts, many
17 area CrossFit gymnasiums will host Corporal Keaton Coffey's Hero Workout
18 of the Day for charity; and

19 Whereas Corporal Keaton Coffey is survived by his parents, Grant and
20 Inger, his fiancée, Brittany Dygert, his dog, Denny, and many close family
21 members and friends; now, therefore,

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

23 That we, the members of the Seventy-eighth Legislative Assembly, recog-
24 nize and honor Corporal Keaton Grant Coffey for his service to his country.

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