House Concurrent Resolution 10

Sponsored by Representative OLSON; Representative KRIEGER (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced.**

Recognizes and honors Portland Police Officer Thomas Jeffries (1962-1997) for his service to this state.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Whereas Officer Thomas Jeffries was born on January 31, 1962, in Roseburg, Oregon, to Rex and Judith Jeffries; and

Whereas Officer Jeffries graduated from Estacada High School and then attended the University of Oregon, graduating magna cum laude in 1987 with a degree in journalism; and

Whereas Officer Jeffries married Vicki R. Cahill in 1995; and

Whereas Officer Jeffries served as a reserve deputy for the Polk County Sheriff's Office in 1990, and in February 1991 took a position as a corrections officer in the Intensive Management Unit at the Oregon State Penitentiary; and

Whereas in December 1992, Officer Jeffries was appointed to the Portland Police Bureau; and

Whereas on July 21, 1997, Officer Jeffries and a fellow officer were attempting to arrest a suspect who was wanted for shooting a seven-year-old child a few minutes earlier; and

Whereas Officer Jeffries had stopped the suspect's vehicle and the suspect had run behind a nearby house; and

Whereas as Officer Jeffries approached, the suspect shot Officer Jeffries three times, after which Officer Jeffries returned fire, striking his assailant; and

Whereas Officer Jeffries was transported to a local hospital, where he died just after midnight; and

Whereas Officer Jeffries was a man of many talents and interests and enjoyed studying history, writing, and collecting antique guns and other historical weapons; and

Whereas Officer Jeffries was hardworking, had a playful wit, loved to laugh, and was a gentle person who loved animals and cared for his pet rabbit, Oreo, who was a gift from his wife; and

Whereas Officer Jeffries is survived by his wife, who was pregnant at the time of his death, and his son, who was born two and a half months after Officer Jeffries passed away; and

Whereas Officer Jeffries was loved by many and is greatly missed; now, therefore,

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

That we, the members of the Seventy-eighth Legislative Assembly, recognize and honor Officer Thomas Jeffries for his service to this state.

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.