House Concurrent Resolution 2

Sponsored by Representative OLSON (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 Corporal Kory Wiens (1986-2007) and military working dog, Cooper, for their service to this state.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Whereas Corporal Kory Wiens was born September 6, 1986, in Albany, Oregon, to Kevin and Judith Wiens; and

Whereas Corporal Wiens graduated from West Albany High School in 2005; and

Whereas Corporal Wiens enlisted in the United States Army in 2005; and

Whereas Corporal Wiens became a dog handler and worked alongside Cooper, a yellow Labrador retriever who specialized in explosive detection; and

Whereas when Corporal Wiens and Cooper first met, Cooper did not know simple obedience commands; and

Whereas Corporal Wiens trained Cooper and together they were able to master skills that enabled Cooper to sniff out TNT, detonation cords, smokeless powder, mortars and other weapons; and

Whereas Corporal Wiens was very proud of the work that he and Cooper accomplished together; and

Whereas Corporal Wiens had hopes of becoming a law enforcement officer and joining the K-9 unit; and

Whereas Corporal Wiens hoped to one day adopt Cooper after Cooper finished his military service; and

Whereas Corporal Wiens and Cooper served together in Camp Victory; and

Whereas on July 6, 2007, at the age of 20, Corporal Wiens and Cooper both made the ultimate sacrifice following an improvised explosive device attack; and

Whereas Corporal Wiens and Cooper are buried together in the Salt Creek cemetery in Polk County; and

Whereas Corporal Wiens is survived by Kevin Wiens Senior, Kevin Wiens Junior, Kyle Wiens, Lindsay Wiens and Patricia McAlister; and

Whereas Corporal Wiens absolutely loved life, his family, his friends and Cooper and was admired for his willingness to put others before himself; 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 Corporal Kory Wiens and Cooper for their 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.