

Enrolled
House Concurrent Resolution 30

Sponsored by Representative HUFFMAN, Senator BOQUIST; Representatives BOONE, BUEHLER, EVANS, KENNEMER, LIVELY, MCLANE, PARRISH, PILUSO, WHISNANT, WHITSETT, Senators FERRIOLI, KNOPP

Whereas 6,022 Oregon veterans were killed in combat during five major wars from World War I to the present, and approximately 15,050 veterans were wounded during those wars, making over 21,000 Oregonians eligible for the Purple Heart award; and

Whereas 14 states across the United States have honored their combat wounded and killed military veterans by proclaiming their states to be Purple Heart States; and

Whereas the cities of Albany, Medford, Salem and Beaverton, all served by Interstate 5, were designated by their city councils as Purple Heart Cities in 2014 and 2015; and

Whereas the cities of Redmond, Bend, Prineville, La Pine and Madras were designated by their city councils as Purple Heart Cities in 2014 and 2015; and

Whereas the mission of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, chartered by an Act of Congress, is to foster an environment of goodwill among combat wounded veterans and their families, to promote patriotism, to support legislative initiatives and, most importantly, to ensure that we never forget the sacrifices of both those killed in action and combat wounded purple heart veterans; and

Whereas the State of Oregon honors the service and sacrifice of our nation's men and women in uniform wounded or killed by the enemy while serving to protect the freedom enjoyed by all Americans; now, therefore;

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

That we, the members of the Seventy-eighth Legislative Assembly, designate the State of Oregon as a Purple Heart State.

Adopted by House June 3, 2015

Timothy G. Sekerak, Chief Clerk of House

Tina Kotek, Speaker of House

Adopted by Senate June 29, 2015

Peter Courtney, President of Senate