

House Concurrent Resolution 30

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SUMMARY

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Designates Oregon as Purple Heart State.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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2 Whereas 6,022 Oregon veterans were killed in combat during five major wars from World War
3 I to the present, and approximately 15,050 veterans were wounded during those wars, making over
4 21,000 Oregonians eligible for the Purple Heart award; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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.