

# Senate Concurrent Resolution 14

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

## 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 Keaton Grant Coffey (1989-2012) for his service to his country.

## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

16 Whereas Corporal Keaton Coffey was engaged to Brittany Dygert, whom he planned to marry  
17 on July 14, 2012; and

18 Whereas Corporal Keaton Coffey was on his second tour of duty with a Marine Special Oper-  
19 ations Regiment, also called the Marine Raiders, as their Military Working Dog handler when he  
20 was killed on May 24, 2012, while conducting combat operations in Helmand Province, Afghanistan;  
21 and

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

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

26 Whereas Corporal Keaton Coffey enjoyed many hobbies in his life, including reading, surfing and  
27 health and fitness; and

28 Whereas the third annual Hero Half Marathon on May 23, 2015, will dedicate proceeds to  
29 Vietnam veterans, the Keaton Coffey Memorial Scholarship and the families of the Marine Raiders  
30 killed in a recent training exercise in Florida; and

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

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

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

4       That we, the members of the Seventy-eighth Legislative Assembly, recognize and honor Corporal  
5       Keaton Grant Coffey for his service to his country.

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