

Senate Concurrent Resolution 6

Sponsored by Senator WINTERS

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**.

In memoriam: Army Specialist Nickolas S. Welch, 1987-2013.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1
2 Whereas United States Army Specialist Nickolas S. "Noodle" Welch was born on March 16,
3 1987, to Lorria and Barry Welch; and

4 Whereas Specialist Nickolas Welch attended school in Mill City, Oregon, and graduated from
5 Santiam High School in 2005, where he was a star wide receiver and received many academic and
6 athletic awards; and

7 Whereas Specialist Nickolas Welch attended the College of the Siskiyous, where he was a
8 Scholar Athlete and football player and received an associate degree in business management; and

9 Whereas Specialist Nickolas Welch was generous and loyal to his family and friends, loved his
10 yellow lab, Apolo, and had a smile that could light up any room; and

11 Whereas Specialist Nickolas Welch's wit, sense of humor and love of football were known by
12 all who met him; and

13 Whereas Specialist Nickolas Welch was known by his friends as "The Legend" and "King of
14 Savannah"; and

15 Whereas Specialist Nickolas Welch was studying to become an accountant before he joined the
16 United States Army in August 2010 and was subsequently assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 15th
17 Infantry Regiment, 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, Georgia;
18 and

19 Whereas on July 23, 2013, during his first tour of duty, Specialist Nickolas Welch was critically
20 injured when a suicide bomber rode up to his unit on a donkey and detonated an improvised ex-
21 plosive device in Soltan Kheyl, Afghanistan; and

22 Whereas Specialist Nickolas Welch was transported to a hospital in Germany and then to
23 Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland, where he died on August 6,
24 2013, of injuries sustained in the attack; and

25 Whereas Specialist Nickolas Welch's bravery and sacrifice has been recognized through numer-
26 ous awards, including the Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart, Army Commendation Medal, Army Good
27 Conduct Medal, NATO Medal and Combat Action Badge; and

28 Whereas Specialist Nickolas Welch is survived by his parents, Barry and Lorria Welch, his
29 brother, Zach Welch, his nephew, Liam Nickolas, many aunts and uncles and his best friend, his dog
30 named Apolo; now, therefore,

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

32 That we, the members of the Seventy-eighth Legislative Assembly, recognize and honor United

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1 States Army Specialist Nickolas S. Welch for his service to this state and to the nation.

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