

Enrolled
Senate Concurrent Resolution 7

Sponsored by Senator STEINER HAYWARD, Representative HELM (at the request of Wendall and Dawn Pelham)

Whereas Specialist John Alexander Pelham was born on November 9, 1991, in Beaverton, Oregon; and

Whereas Specialist John Pelham grew up in the Pacific Northwest; and

Whereas Specialist John Pelham graduated from Sunset High School, where he played on the baseball team; and

Whereas Specialist John Pelham joined the United States Army in July 2011 and completed basic combat training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina; and

Whereas Specialist John Pelham's military education included the Advanced Individual Training to become a signals intelligence analyst, the Basic Airborne Course, the Combat Lifesaver Course and the Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape Course; and

Whereas Specialist John Pelham's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, the Purple Heart, the Meritorius Service Medal, the Joint Service Achievement Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal with Campaign Star, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization Medal, the Combat Action Badge and the Parachutist Badge; and

Whereas Specialist John Pelham belonged to the 2nd Battalion, 3rd Special Forces Group (Airborne), Fort Bragg, North Carolina; and

Whereas Specialist John Pelham passed away on February 12, 2014, at the age of 22, from wounds received in an exchange of small-arms fire while serving his second tour in Afghanistan; and

Whereas Specialist John Pelham was loved by many, and nearly 1,000 people attended his funeral; and

Whereas Specialist John Pelham is remembered by his family and friends as being "bigger than death" and for his determination with his fellow soldiers to "go out with our guns blazing and boots on"; 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 Specialist John Alexander Pelham for his service to his country.

Adopted by Senate April 27, 2015

Lori L. Brocker, Secretary of Senate

Peter Courtney, President of Senate

Adopted by House June 25, 2015

Tina Kotek, Speaker of House