

**PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Senate Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness**

**Fiscal:** No fiscal impact

**Revenue:** No Revenue Impact

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**Action Date:**

**Action:**

**Meeting Dates:**

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Recognizing Aleksander Reed Skarlatos.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

On August 21, 2015, three American friends, Spencer Stone, Aleksander Skarlatos, and Anthony Sadler, and a British businessman named Chris Norman, spontaneously overpowered a man armed with a Kalashnikov, an automatic Luger pistol and a box cutter, on a high-speed train bound from Amsterdam to Paris, who fought strenuously before being subdued. Oregon is proud to call Aleksander Skarlatos one of her own. He grew up in Sacramento, California, and moved to Roseburg, Oregon, as a teenager. He graduated from Roseburg High School in 2011, works at Costco, attends Umpqua Community College, and has served this state and his country with the Oregon Army National Guard since 2012. He was deployed to Afghanistan just prior to his selfless off-duty conduct on that Paris-bound train, and all have received worldwide attention for their heroism. Included among the awards Aleksander Skarlatos has received are the Knight of the Legion of Honor - one of France's highest decorations - the Soldier's Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal with two campaign stars, the Army Achievement Medal, the Army Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon and the Armed Forces Reserve Medal with "M" device. The people of the state of Oregon humbly add to that list, Senate Concurrent Resolution 205.