

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Rules

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 02/24/16

Action: Be Adopted.

Meeting Dates: 02/24

Vote:

Yeas: 9 - Barnhart, Gilliam, Hoyle, Huffman, Kennemer, Rayfield, Smith Warner, Williamson, Wilson

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Recognizing Aleksander Reed Skarlatos.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Heroism of Skarlatos
- International, national and local recognition and honors Skarlatos received

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon is proud to call Aleksander Skarlatos one of her own. Going up in Sacramento, California, he moved to Roseburg 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.

On August 21, 2015, three American friends, Spencer Stone, 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.

Skarlatos has been recognized worldwide for the act of heroism including receiving 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.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 205 recognizes and honors Aleksander Skarlatos's act of heroism on August 21, 2015.