

# House Concurrent Resolution 205

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## 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 Specialist Cody James Patterson (1989-2013) for his service to his country.

## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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2       Whereas Specialist Cody James Patterson was born on April 12, 1989, in Corvallis, to Randall  
3 Lee Patterson and Nancy Patterson Wilson; and

4       Whereas apart from his time in the military, Spc. Patterson was a lifelong resident of Oregon,  
5 living primarily in Philomath and Benton County, and grew up on Powder House Hill in Philomath  
6 as an active and happy little boy; and

7       Whereas Spc. Patterson attended Clemens Primary School, Philomath Middle School and  
8 Philomath High School and was an active member of the Peace Lutheran Church; and

9       Whereas while in high school, Spc. Patterson was captain of the football team, was honored as  
10 "Mr. PHS" for his community service activities and athletic achievements, and went out of his way  
11 to connect with his classmates and make friends; and

12       Whereas after graduating from high school in 2007, Spc. Patterson held several jobs while at-  
13 tending Linn-Benton Community College, where he studied such subjects as business, psychology,  
14 music and ultimate frisbee; and

15       Whereas Spc. Patterson enlisted in the United States Army in 2011 and shipped out for basic  
16 training on January 3, 2012, after celebrating what would be his last Christmas with his family in  
17 2011; and

18       Whereas Spc. Patterson's military education included the Basic Airborne Course and the Ranger  
19 Assessment and Selection Program (RASP); and

20       Whereas after graduating from RASP, Spc. Patterson was assigned in November 2012 to Com-  
21 pany B, 3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, where he served as a rifleman for both of his deploy-  
22 ments to Afghanistan; and

23       Whereas Spc. Patterson was killed in action by an improvised explosive device that detonated  
24 while Spc. Patterson was conducting combat operations in support of Operation Enduring Freedom  
25 on October 6, 2013, in Kandahar Province, Afghanistan; and

26       Whereas when word broke of Spc. Patterson's fate, his hometown responded by lowering all flags  
27 to half-staff, and crowds lined the street the day he returned to Oregon for the last time; and

28       Whereas Spc. Patterson knew that serving his country is what he was meant to do and ulti-  
29 mately sacrificed his life to uphold his mission; and

30       Whereas Spc. Patterson was a role model for many in both civilian and military life, exhibiting  
31 intelligence, kindness and fearlessness; 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 Spc. Patterson’s awards and decorations include the National Defense Service Medal,  
2 the Afghanistan Campaign Medal with Campaign Star, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal,  
3 the Army Service Ribbon and the Overseas Service Ribbon, and he was posthumously promoted to  
4 the rank of Specialist and awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Bronze Star Medal with  
5 “V” Device, the Army Commendation Medal, the Purple Heart and the NATO Medal; and

6       Whereas Spc. Patterson will be remembered for his great sense of humor and as an individual  
7 who was humble, kind, generous and driven and who was loved by his family, his friends and his  
8 country; and

9       Whereas Spc. Patterson is survived by his mother, Nancy Wilson, his sisters, Nicole Patterson,  
10 Letitia Williams, Taylor Patterson and Mara Wilson, his brothers, Elijah Williams and Kapriel  
11 Wilson, his grandparents, Lucy and John Leach, and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and  
12 nephews and the legions of friends he made wherever he went; now, therefore,

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

14       That we, the members of the Seventy-eighth Legislative Assembly, recognize and honor Spe-  
15 cialist Cody James Patterson for his service to his country.

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