

Enrolled
Senate Concurrent Resolution 205

Sponsored by Senator KRUSE; Representative HEARD (Pre-session filed.)

Whereas Aleksander Reed Skarlatos is an outstanding soldier serving with the Oregon Army National Guard who displayed exceptional heroism as he helped subdue a gunman on a Paris-bound train; and

Whereas Aleksander Reed Skarlatos grew up in Sacramento, California, and Roseburg, Oregon, and graduated from Roseburg High School in 2011; and

Whereas Aleksander Reed Skarlatos works at Costco, is an infantryman with the Oregon Army National Guard and is attending Umpqua Community College; and

Whereas Aleksander Reed Skarlatos enlisted with the Oregon Army National Guard in November 2012 and has since served both the people of Oregon and the United States; and

Whereas Aleksander Reed Skarlatos was deployed to Afghanistan for nine months; and

Whereas on August 21, 2015, Aleksander Reed Skarlatos' brave actions and heroism saved the lives of innocent fellow passengers aboard a train from Amsterdam to Paris, France; and

Whereas along with his childhood friends Spencer Stone and Anthony Sadler, Aleksander Reed Skarlatos successfully tackled and subdued a gunman aboard the train who was armed with a Kalashnikov, an automatic Luger pistol and a box cutter; and

Whereas in recognition of his accomplishments, Aleksander Reed Skarlatos has received numerous awards, including 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; and

Whereas Aleksander Reed Skarlatos' actions are an outstanding example of duty and selfless service, and his courageous response in the face of danger drew attention and praise from around the world; now, therefore,

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

That we, the members of the Seventy-eighth Legislative Assembly, honor Aleksander Reed Skarlatos for his heroism and his dedication and service to the people of Oregon; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution shall be presented to Aleksander Reed Skarlatos as an expression of our appreciation.

Adopted by Senate February 18, 2016

Lori L. Brocker, Secretary of Senate

Peter Courtney, President of Senate

Adopted by House February 29, 2016

Tina Kotek, Speaker of House