

HCR 7 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

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Meeting Dates: 5/2, 5/9

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Recognizes and honors Oregon National Guard Sergeant David Wayne Johnson-DeFord (1967-2004).

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Sergeant Johnson-DeFord was born on January 6, 1967, in Portland and grew up in Colton, graduating from Colton High School in 1985. He served in the United States Army from 1987 to 1991, then returned to civilian life where he was an amateur motorcyclist. He reenlisted in the Oregon National Guard after the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, trained as a cook, and then retrained as a gunner to serve in Iraq with the 2nd Battalion, 162nd Infantry Regiment. He was killed in action on September 24, 2004, in Baghdad, when an improvised explosive device detonated near his Humvee, the last in a convoy of 14 supply vehicles.

House Concurrent Resolution 7 honors Sergeant DeFord.