

HCR 11 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

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Meeting Dates: 5/9, 5/16

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Recognizes and honors Sergeant Ronald W. Burkhart (1949 - 1968).

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Sergeant Burkhart was born on March 4, 1949, in Harlan, Kentucky. At age 13 he moved with his family to Albany, Oregon. He enjoyed boxing, fishing and bow hunting. He enlisted in the army at age 17 and rose to the rank of sergeant in one year. Although stationed in Germany, he volunteered for a tour in Vietnam where he was assigned to A Company, 3rd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment, 199th Infantry Brigade. He succumbed to hostile enemy fire in Bien Hoa Province, South Vietnam. He was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Purple Heart, the Vietnam Service Medal and the Vietnam Campaign Medal.

House Concurrent Resolution 11 honors Sergeant Ronald W. Burkhart.