

HCR 26 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

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Meeting Dates: 5/16

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Recognizes and honors Private First Class Thomas L. Tucker (1981-2006) for his service to his country.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Private First Class Tucker was born May 5, 1981, in Prineville, Oregon. He was raised in Madras and graduated from Madras High School in 1999. He loved music, playing the piano and guitar, camping and fishing with his family and being outdoors. He was known for his enthusiasm, loyalty, optimism and ability to make others laugh. He enlisted in the Army in 2005 and was an infantryman assigned to the 1st Battalion, 502nd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade, 101st Airborne Division, known as the Screaming Eagles, based out of Fort Campbell in Kentucky. He was deployed to Iraq in February 2006 during Operation Iraqi Freedom and killed in action near Baghdad four months later. He was awarded the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, the Iraq Campaign Medal and the Combat Infantryman Badge. Governor Ted Kulongoski spoke of Private First Class Tucker as a "son of Oregon and a true American hero," adding that "his sacrifice is a testament to his honor and courage, and his bravery on the battlefield will not be forgotten."

House Concurrent Resolution 26 honors Private First Class Thomas L. Tucker.