

HCR 30 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

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Meeting Dates: 5/23

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Recognizes and honors two brothers, Hospitalman Charles Eugene Johnson (1944-1968) and Staff Sergeant Clifford Thomas Johnson (1949-1970), for their service to their country.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

BACKGROUND:

Hospitalman Charles Johnson was born on October 21, 1944, and Staff Sergeant Clifford Johnson was born January 26, 1949. The family resided in Oregon. Hospitalman Charles Johnson enlisted in the United States Navy in December 1961, reenlisted in March 1963, and was honorably discharged in February 1966. He reenlisted in the Navy again in June 1967, and was sent to Vietnam. He was a United States Navy Hospital Corpsman (HN Hospitalman - E3) assigned to Headquarters and Service Company, 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, III Marine Amphibious Force. He succumbed to hostile enemy fire in Quang Nam Province, South Vietnam, on February 8, 1968, at the age of 23. His younger brother, Staff Sergeant Clifford Johnson began his tour in Vietnam two years later, on July 31, 1970. Staff Sergeant Johnson was a United States Army soldier assigned to 3rd Platoon, C Company, 1st Battalion, 52nd Infantry Regiment, 198th Infantry Brigade, Americal Division, United States Army, Vietnam (USARV). He was mortally wounded by hostile enemy fire in Quang Ngai Province, South Vietnam, on December 7, 1970. He succumbed to his wounds on December 26, 1970, at age 21. Both brothers were awarded the National Defense Service Medal, the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal and the Purple Heart. The Johnson family is one of only 39 families nationwide, and four families in the state of Oregon, to lose two sons in the Vietnam War.

House Concurrent Resolution 30 honors two brothers, Hospitalman Charles Johnson and Staff Sergeant Clifford Johnson, and their family, for their service and sacrifice during the Vietnam War.