

## HCR 25 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

### Senate Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

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#### **WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Recognizes and honors Sergeant Adam Plumondore (1982-2005) for his service to his country.

#### **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

#### **EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

[-1 amendment] Refines language describing honoree's conduct.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

Sergeant Plumondore was born on October 5, 1982, and grew up in Gresham, Oregon, where he was an athlete at Gresham High School. After graduating from high school in 2001, he enlisted in the United States Army. He became a world-class sniper, placing third in the 2003 United States Army International Sniper Competition. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 24th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, based at Fort Lewis, Washington, and he deployed to Iraq in October 2004, three days before the expected end of his military service. In December 2004, he helped rescue six wounded soldiers from a burning vehicle and engaged the enemy in a firefight. On February 16, 2005, he was killed on patrol in Mosul, Iraq, when an improvised explosive device detonated near his Stryker vehicle. He was the vehicle commander that day, riding exposed in an open air hatch to protect his platoon members. He received numerous military awards and decorations to include a Bronze Star with V device for Valor, the Army Commendation Medal, and three Army Achievement Medals. He also earned the Expert Infantryman Badge, Combat Infantryman Badge, Expert Rifle Badge and Valorous Unit Award. He was nicknamed "Gentle Giant" for his stature and good nature. He loved outdoor activities and vehicles, and all things country and western. He put protecting the lives his platoon above all else and was deeply respected for his leadership and courage.

House Concurrent Resolution 25 honors Sergeant Adam Plumondore.