

SCR 20 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

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Meeting Dates: 5/25

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Recognizes and honors Sergeant Brennan C. Gibson (1979-2006).

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

REVENUE: No revenue impact

Vote in Senate: Ayes 30

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Brennan Gibson was born in Van Nuys, California, on December 27, 1979, the youngest of six children. When he was six years old, his family, moved to Springfield, Oregon. He graduated from Thurston High School and went on to receive a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Oregon State University in 2003 with an emphasis on graphic design. He met his wife while in college and they were married in 2004, the same month he enlisted in the United States Army. He was assigned to C Company, 3rd Battalion, 509th Infantry (Airborne), 4th Brigade Combat Team of the 25th Infantry Division, based out of Fort Richardson in Alaska. On October 3, 2006, three days before Sergeant Gibson deployed, his son was born.

Sergeant Gibson was killed on December 10, 2006, when an improvised explosive device detonated near the Humvee he was riding in while on late-night combat patrol in Baghdad, Iraq. He was known for his kindness, his laugh, his sense of humor and his interest in drawing and architecture. He was laid to rest at Willamette National Cemetery on what would have been his 27th birthday.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 20 honors Sergeant Gibson for his service to his country.