

### **HCR 3 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

#### **House Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness**

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**Meeting Dates:** 2/2

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Recognizes and honors two brothers, Private James Herbert Rowden (1944-1966) and Private First Class John Wayne Rowden (1946-1968), who were killed in action during the Vietnam War.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

**BACKGROUND:**

The Rowden family and the two brothers resided in Jackson County, Oregon. Both brothers were assigned to a Marine Amphibious Force, and they were killed in action about two years apart each at age 21. Both parents of the two brothers are deceased. The last immediate surviving member is Malcolm Rowden, presently residing in Medford, Oregon. The Rowden family is one of only 39 families nationwide to lose two sons in the Vietnam War.