



HCR 7, relating to the Johnson-DeFord Memorial Hwy.

Why should a highway be dedicated to Sgt. David Wayne Johnson-DeFord?

Sgt. David Wayne Johnson-DeFord was a native Oregonian who lived his life helping others. He gave his life helping others. There is no finer individual than one who sees that a commitment to helping those in need, including his family, friends, community, state and country, is what life is all about. David had no false illusions about going to war. He volunteered to go to war for his love of Oregon and his country knowing his life was in danger constantly while in Iraq. To answer the call of one's country in a time of need shows exemplary commitment, honor and unbelievable courage. Sadly, David died for a cause he believed in. David's actions epitomize the true spirit and commitment of Oregonians.

We need to insure that the citizens of Oregon and those who travel our highways do not ever forget that we send loved ones to war and that sometimes they don't come back.

We need to honor our citizen soldiers who have fallen so that they are not forgotten. This will be David's testament to "not forget".

The community of Colton where David grew up, and where his younger brother still lives with his family, will be honored to be able to share David's story.