



OREGON COALITION OF POLICE & SHERIFFS

February 16, 2017

Representative Jennifer Williamson
Oregon State Capitol, H-295
Salem, Oregon 97301

Re: HCR 5

Representative Williamson,

Thank you for your efforts to honor Deputy Thomas Ernest Rice and to keep his memory alive as it honors others who have given all they have while working for the communities they've served.

Deputy Rice dutifully served the people of Josephine County for over a decade, and he worked coordinating local law enforcement memorial ceremonies honoring fallen officers. His commendable service earned him the Star of Life award in 2000. Deputy Rice's family had been a key part of Josephine County for several generations. It was with that same spirit of dutiful service that Deputy Rice took to the sky on May 23rd, 2002 to aid in the search and rescue mission for an elderly woman believed to have drowned in the Rogue River. Deputy Rice's watch came to an end that day, but his memory lives on through his many friends and family.

Deputy Rice did an important job and did it with passion, dedication, and diligence.

The Oregon Coalition of Police and Sheriffs offers its thanks to Deputy Rice and condolences to his family.

Respectfully,

Daryl Turner
President, Oregon Coalition of Police and Sheriffs

Cc: House Committee on Rules