

HCR 3 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Esquivel

House Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

Action Date: 02/02/17
Action: Be Adopted.
Vote: 6-0-1-0
Yeas: 6 - Esquivel, Evans, Lively, Meek, Parrish, Post
Exc: 1 - Boone
Fiscal: No fiscal impact
Revenue: No Revenue Impact
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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:

- Provisions of the measure
- The Rowden family's third son, Douglas Rowden, received a draft notice within weeks of the second son's death, and its rescission was due in part to the intervention of Governor Tom McCall and Senator Wayne Morris

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Rowden family and the two brothers that are the subject of this resolution resided in Jackson County, Oregon. Both brothers were assigned to a Marine Amphibious Force, and were killed in action about two years apart, each at age 21. Both parents are deceased, and the last immediate surviving member of the family 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.

House Concurrent Resolution 3 honors brothers James and John Rowden, and the Rowden family, for their sacrifice during the Vietnam War.