

**HCR 7 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Carrier:** Rep. Bentz

**House Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness**

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**Action Date:** 02/09/17  
**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 Oregon National Guard Sergeant David Wayne Johnson-DeFord (1967-2004) for service to his country.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Provisions of the measure
- Deceased's life and commitment to service

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

Sergeant Johnson-DeFord was born on January 6, 1967, in Portland, Oregon, to Michelle DeFord and Rick Johnson. He grew up in Colton, Oregon, and graduated from Colton High School in 1985. He served in the United States Army from 1987 to 1991 before returning to civilian life where he indulged his passion for motorcycles by becoming an amateur racer.

He re-enlisted in the Oregon National Guard after the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. He originally trained as a cook, and then he retrained as a gunner to serve in Iraq with the 2nd Battalion, 162nd Infantry Regiment. He was killed in action on September 24, 2004, when an improvised explosive device (IED) detonated near his Humvee. His vehicle was the last of a 14-vehicle supply convoy travelling on a road northwest of Baghdad, Iraq.

At the funeral for Sergeant Johnson-DeFord, former Governor Ted Kulongoski stated that he, "personified the spirit of the state."

House Concurrent Resolution 7 honors Sergeant David Wayne Johnson-DeFord, and his family, for their sacrifice.