

HCR 11 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
House Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

Carrier: Rep. Olson

Action Date: 03/30/17
Action: Be Adopted.
Vote: 7-0-1-0
Yeas: 7 - Esquivel, Evans, Lewis, 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 Sergeant Ronald W. Burkhart (1949 - 1968).

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of Measure
- Volunteered to serve in Vietnam

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Sergeant Burkhart was born on March 4, 1949, in Harlan, Kentucky. At age 13 he moved with his family to Albany, Oregon. He took up boxing as a teenager, winning numerous matches and trophies. He enjoyed fishing and bow hunting, including antelope hunting in eastern Oregon. He enlisted in the army at age 17 when his older brother John Burkhart was already a soldier. He strove to excel in the military and rose to the rank of sergeant in one year. Although stationed in Germany, he volunteered for a tour in Vietnam where he was assigned to A Company, 3rd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment, 199th Infantry Brigade. He succumbed to hostile enemy fire in Bien Hoa Province, South Vietnam. He was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Purple Heart, the Vietnam Service Medal and the Vietnam Campaign Medal.

House Concurrent Resolution 11 honors and recognizes Sergeant Ronald W. Burkhart, and the Burkhart family, for their sacrifice during the Vietnam War.