

HCR 15 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Olsen

Senate Committee On Rules

Action Date: 04/24/17
Action: Be adopted.
Vote: 5-0-0-0
Yeas: 5 - Beyer, Boquist, Burdick, Ferrioli, Roblan
Fiscal: No fiscal impact
Revenue: No revenue impact
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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Recognizes and honors Oregon State Police Trooper William Thomas Levinson (1925-1950) for his service to this state.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Life and career of Trooper Levinson
- Importance of road signs memorializing fallen officers

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Shortly after joining the Oregon State Police, Oregon State Trooper William Levinson volunteered to transport a daily report by motorcycle. While stopped near a railroad crossing, Trooper Levinson's motorcycle engaged into gear and collided with a passing train. He was thrown into the side of the train and killed instantly.

Trooper William Levinson was born on February 1, 1925, in Syracuse, Indiana, to William and Ruby Levinson and had one sister. He left high school in July 1942 to enlist in the United States Navy, where he received a Purple Heart and three Bronze Stars while serving his country. In 1945, he married Neva Severy, with whom he had a daughter, Patricia, and a son, Rod William. Within two months of being honorably discharged from the military, in March 1949, he joined the Oregon State Police, serving in Salem.

He enjoyed motorcycles, reading, helping people and spending time with his family and neighborhood children. At the time of his death in 1950, his daughter was four and his son was nine months old. He is survived by his parents, his wife and his children.

House Concurrent Resolution 15-A honors Trooper William Levinson for his service to the State of Oregon.