

HCR 12 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Roblan

Senate Committee On Rules

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Action: Be adopted.
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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Honors and commends Oregon State Police Fallen Trooper Memorial dedication ceremony held October 1, 2016.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Memorial dedication ceremony
- Artistic and material aspects of memorial
- Sacrifices made by fallen officers
- Family and friends of fallen officers

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The idea for a memorial to honor fallen troopers originated with former Oregon State Police Superintendent Tim McLain and over the course of six years of planning, fundraising and construction the Oregon State Police Fallen Trooper Memorial (the Memorial) came to fruition.

Located on the Capitol Mall, at the former headquarters of the Oregon State Police, the Memorial was designed by Salem resident Gene Bolante and realized by Portland sculptor Jason Jones and White Oak Construction. It is formed of eight basalt stones that were quarried in Madras, has plaques bearing the name and End of Watch date of each of the 33 Oregon State Police troopers who died in the line of duty and a map of Oregon with a star for the location where each trooper was killed. In the center of the Memorial, there is a column of white granite that has been left jagged and unfinished at the top, symbolizing the troopers whose lives were untimely taken and whose jobs can never be finished. The epitaph reads, "They shall neither shun responsibility nor shrink from duty in the face of danger".

The Memorial was formally dedicated on October 1, 2016 in a ceremony that honored the sacrifice of the fallen troopers. In attendance were families of the fallen troopers, public safety personnel, citizens and public officials including Oregon State Police Superintendent Travis Hampton, Senator Betsy Johnson and Governor Kate Brown. Speaking on behalf of the families of the fallen was Bill and Barb Lyons, whose son, Scott Lyons, died in the line of duty on September 2, 1997.

House Concurrent Resolution 12 honors and commends the Oregon State Police Fallen Trooper Memorial dedication ceremony held October 1, 2016.