

SCR 19 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Gorsek, Rep. Esquivel

House Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

Action Date: 05/30/17
Action: Do adopt the A-Eng measure.
Vote: 8-0-0-0
Yeas: 8 - Boone, Esquivel, Evans, Lewis, Lively, Meek, Parrish, Post
Fiscal: No fiscal impact
Revenue: No revenue impact
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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Recognizes and honors Corporal Jeremy M. Loveless (1980-2006). Recognizes and honors two brothers: Specialist Six Norman Francis Evans (1947-1970) and Specialist Four David Lynn Evans (1948-1968).

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Life and service of Corporal Loveless
- Evans brothers' military service and family tradition

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Jeremy Loveless was born on June 27, 1980, in Albany, Oregon, and was raised in Gresham, Oregon. He graduated from Gresham High School in 1998, married his wife in 2000, and they had a daughter in 2002. He volunteered for the Estacada Fire Department and aspired to become a firefighter and paramedic. In 2004, he enlisted in the United States Army, serving as a combat medic assigned to 2nd Battalion, 1st Infantry Regiment, 172nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, based at Fort Wainwright in Alaska. He deployed to Iraq in 2005 and was killed on Memorial Day, May 29, 2006, by enemy small arms fire during combat operations in Mosul while riding in a dangerous position outside his Stryker vehicle that he often volunteered to take. Corporal Loveless was known as a warm and genuine man; an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed bicycling, backpacking and rock climbing; and he cared deeply about helping others, in particular, protecting the lives of his fellow soldiers. The street on which Estacada's main fire station is located was renamed in his honor.

Four generations of the Evans family of Klamath County, Oregon have served in the Armed Forces. James Earl Evans (1926-1983) was a United States Air Force veteran who served in World War II and the Korean War. His sons, Specialist Six Norman Evans and his younger brother, Specialist Four David Evans were born about two years apart: March 6, 1947 and December 21, 1948, respectively. They were both soldiers in the United States Army. Norman was assigned to 156th Aviation Company Army Security Agency (ASA), 224th ASA Aviation Battalion, 509th ASA Group, United States Army, Vietnam (USARV); and David was assigned to 117th Assault Helicopter Company, 214th Combat Aviation Battalion, 127th Aviation Group, 1st Aviation Brigade, USARV. Norman was a 33G20 ECM/DF Systems Repairman and David was a 35K20 Avionics Mechanic. The brothers also perished about two years apart: the younger, David, was killed in a helicopter crash during hostile engagement in Long An Province, South Vietnam, on October 24, 1968, at the age of 19. Norman died in a fixed-wing aircraft accident in Phong Dinh Province, South Vietnam, on November 24, 1970, at the age of 23. Norman's son, also named David (1969 - 2011), was also a soldier in the United States Army National Guard who served in the Iraq War. The Evans family of Klamath County is one of only 39 families nationwide, and four families in Oregon, to lose two sons in the Vietnam War.

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Senate Concurrent Resolution 19 A honors the service and sacrifices of these men and their families: Corporal Jeremy Loveless, Specialist Six Norman Evans, and Specialist Four David Evans.