

House Bill 2100

Sponsored by Representative HUFFMAN, Senator KNOPP (at the request of LTC Dick Tobiason) (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Provides that portions of Interstate 5 and Interstate 205 shall be known as Oregon Medal of Honor Highway.

Directs Department of Transportation to install roadside memorial signs that recognize and honor Oregon's Medal of Honor recipients.

Takes effect on 91st date following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1 Relating to highways; and prescribing an effective date.

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3 Whereas the Medal of Honor is our nation's highest award for valor presented to veterans of
4 the Armed Forces of the United States for acting above and beyond the call of duty during combat
5 and at the risk of death to oneself; and

6 Whereas Oregon has been home to 26 Medal of Honor recipients from the United States Army,
7 United States Army Air Forces, United States Navy and the United States Marine Corps who served
8 during seven wars from the Civil War to Vietnam, a period of 108 years; and

9 Whereas Bend Heroes Foundation created the Oregon Medal of Honor Exhibit at Evergreen
10 Aviation and Space Museum in McMinnville honoring all 26 recipients in a central location; and

11 Whereas 26 recipients have resided in, live in or were laid to rest in 11 cities and communities
12 across Oregon; and

13 Whereas nine recipients were laid to rest in Portland with four interred at the Willamette Na-
14 tional Cemetery, which is accessible via Interstate 205; and

15 Whereas six recipients were laid to rest or lived in Medford, Eugene, Corvallis and Salem, which
16 are accessible via Interstate 5; and

17 Whereas Mr. Robert D. Maxwell, a World War II veteran, at 96 years of age is our nation's
18 oldest living Medal of Honor recipient of all wars, lives in Bend and is the only Medal of Honor
19 recipient living in Oregon; and

20 Whereas Oregon's Medal of Honor recipients are not presently honored by Medal of Honor
21 markers in their communities; and

22 Whereas Oregon deeply appreciates the service and sacrifice of its Medal of Honor recipients
23 and the positive roles they have played in their communities across Oregon for more than 100 years;
24 and

25 Whereas Oregon's veterans have offered to pay the cost to create, install and maintain signs for
26 the "Oregon Medal of Honor Highway"; now, therefore,

27 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

28 **SECTION 1. (1) The Department of Transportation shall install and maintain roadside**
29 **memorial signs recognizing this state's recipients of the Medal of Honor. The signs must**
30 **include the recipient's name, an image of the Medal of Honor the recipient received and the**

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted.
New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 name of the conflict, if any, during which the recipient received the medal. The names of the
 2 26 recipients, the conflicts, if any, during which they received the Medal of Honor and the
 3 locations of the signs are as follows:

- 4 (a) Alaric B. Chapin, Civil War, near Portland.
- 5 (b) Hartwell B. Compson, Civil War, near Portland.
- 6 (c) Nathan H. Edgerton, Civil War, near Agness.
- 7 (d) Louis Renninger, Civil War, near Eugene.
- 8 (e) James Jackson, Indian Campaigns, near Portland.
- 9 (f) Nicholas Meaher, Indian Campaigns, near Jordan Valley.
- 10 (g) Lewis Phife, Indian Campaigns, near Salem.
- 11 (h) Frank C. High, Philippine Insurrection, near Medford.
- 12 (i) Charles E. Kilbourne, Philippine Insurrection, near Portland.
- 13 (j) Marcus W. Robertson, Philippine Insurrection, near Hood River.
- 14 (k) Jacob Volz, Philippine Insurrection, near Portland.
- 15 (l) John A. Murphy, Boxer Rebellion, near Portland.
- 16 (m) Harry D. Fadden, peacetime, near The Dalles.
- 17 (n) Edward C. Allworth, World War I, near Corvallis.
- 18 (o) Arnold L. Bjorklund, World War II, near Portland.
- 19 (p) Arthur J. Jackson, World War II, near Portland.
- 20 (q) David R. Kingsley, World War II, near Portland.
- 21 (r) Robert D. Maxwell, World War II, near Bend.
- 22 (s) Henry Schauer, World War II, near Salem.
- 23 (t) Stuart S. Stryker, World War II, near Portland.
- 24 (u) Stanley T. Adams, Korean War, near The Dalles.
- 25 (v) Loren R. Kaufman, Korean War, near The Dalles.
- 26 (w) Larry G. Dahl, Vietnam War, near Portland.
- 27 (x) John N. Holcomb, Vietnam War, near Richland.
- 28 (y) Gary W. Martini, Vietnam War, near Portland.
- 29 (z) Maximo Yabes, Vietnam War, near Eugene.

30 (2)(a) The department may accept moneys from and may enter into agreements with
 31 veterans groups to create, install and maintain the signs. The department may determine the
 32 number of signs per city used to recognize the individuals connected to that city. More than
 33 one individual may be recognized on one sign.

34 (b) The department may not use public funds for the installation and maintenance of the
 35 signs.

36 **SECTION 2.** (1) The portion of Interstate 5, beginning at the California state line and
 37 ending at the intersection of Interstate 205, and the portion of Interstate 205, beginning at
 38 the Washington state line and ending at the intersection with Interstate 5, shall also be
 39 known as the Oregon Medal of Honor Highway.

40 (2) The Department of Transportation shall place and maintain along the highways de-
 41 scribed in this section suitable markers that include an image of the Medal of Honor for each
 42 branch of military service and that indicate the designation of the highways as the Oregon
 43 Medal of Honor Highway.

44 (3)(a) The department may accept moneys from and may enter into agreements with
 45 veterans groups to create, install and maintain the markers.

1 **(b) The department may not use public funds for the installation and maintenance of the**
2 **markers.**

3 **SECTION 3.** **This 2017 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2017**
4 **regular session of the Seventy-ninth Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.**

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