

House Concurrent Resolution 10

Sponsored by Representative BUEHLER (Pre-session 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**.

Commends Bend Heroes Foundation for its work in recognizing and honoring veterans.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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2 Whereas the nonprofit organization Bend Heroes Foundation opened its doors in 2010 with a
3 mission to honor veterans and first responders; and

4 Whereas the Bend Heroes Foundation was founded by Vietnam War veteran Dick Tobiason and
5 his son Erik Tobiason; and

6 Whereas the Bend Heroes Foundation has honored 550 World War II veterans between the ages
7 of 88 and 102, from 22 Oregon counties, by providing them with four-day Honor Flights to
8 Washington, D.C., to visit their national World War II Memorial, 10 other veterans memorials and
9 the United States Capitol; and

10 Whereas the Bend Heroes Foundation has worked with the Legislative Assembly to create six
11 border-to-border veterans memorial highways in Oregon, honoring the nearly 480,000 Oregon veter-
12 ans who served, and the more than 21,000 who became casualties, during five major wars over the
13 last 100 years; and

14 Whereas the Bend Heroes Foundation's veterans highway signs project has installed 67 signs,
15 including signs for two unique memorial highways, the Persian Gulf, Afghanistan and Iraq Veterans
16 Memorial Highway, the first of its kind in the nation, and Oregon's Purple Heart Trail, which con-
17 nects to Washington's and California's trails to create the first continuous Purple Heart Trail to
18 reach the United States' borders with both Canada and Mexico; and

19 Whereas the Bend Heroes Foundation created the Oregon Medal of Honor Exhibit, honoring
20 Oregon's 26 veterans who, beginning with the Civil War, received our country's highest military
21 award for heroism above and beyond the call of duty; and

22 Whereas the Bend Heroes Foundation created the Bend Heroes Memorial and the Bend Parade
23 of Flags and instituted the Purple Heart City and the Gold Star Mother's and Family's Day projects
24 in Bend; and

25 Whereas the Bend Heroes Foundation has connected World War II veterans with students at
26 Bend Senior High School and Summit High School during Veterans Day assemblies; and

27 Whereas the Bend Heroes Foundation initiated Bend's participation in the national Wreaths
28 Across America program and has since inspired other central Oregon cities to follow its example;
29 and

30 Whereas the Bend Heroes Foundation has raised over \$800,000 from many generous donors
31 across Oregon to complete 30 veterans projects; and

32 Whereas the Bend Heroes Foundation has received national, state and local recognition for its

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1 veteran projects and patriotism; and

2 Whereas the Bend Heroes Foundation's projects have honored Oregon's veterans and increased
3 public awareness of their more than 150 years of service and sacrifice; now, therefore,

4 **Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:**

5 That we, the members of the Seventy-ninth Legislative Assembly, commend the Bend Heroes
6 Foundation for its work in recognizing and honoring Oregon's veterans and their faithful service to
7 their country.

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