

Enrolled
House Concurrent Resolution 11

Sponsored by Representative OLSON (Pre-session filed.)

Whereas Sergeant Ronald W. Burkhart was born in Harlan, Kentucky, on March 4, 1949; and
Whereas March 4 is also the birthday of Grace Burkhart, Sergeant Ronald W. Burkhart's mother; and

Whereas at the age of 13, Sergeant Ronald W. Burkhart moved with his family to Albany, Oregon; and

Whereas Sergeant Ronald W. Burkhart took up boxing as a teenager, winning numerous matches and trophies; and

Whereas Sergeant Ronald W. Burkhart loved fishing and bow hunting, including antelope hunting in eastern Oregon; and

Whereas when Sergeant Ronald W. Burkhart enlisted in the army at the age of 17, his older brother, John Burkhart, was already a soldier; and

Whereas Sergeant Ronald W. Burkhart strove to excel in his military service, good-naturedly competing with his brother to rise faster in rank; and

Whereas Sergeant Ronald W. Burkhart did so and became a sergeant in one year; and

Whereas Sergeant Ronald W. Burkhart was stationed in Germany but volunteered for a tour of duty in Vietnam; and

Whereas Sergeant Ronald W. Burkhart was assigned to A Company, 3rd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment, 199th Light Infantry Brigade, United States Army Republic of Vietnam; and

Whereas Sergeant Ronald W. Burkhart was a 11B40 Infantryman; and

Whereas Sergeant Ronald W. Burkhart succumbed to hostile enemy fire in Bien Hoa Province, South Vietnam, on March 26, 1968, at the age of 19; and

Whereas Sergeant Ronald W. Burkhart was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Purple Heart, the Vietnam Service Medal and the Vietnam Campaign Medal; now, therefore,

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

That we, the members of the Seventy-ninth Legislative Assembly, recognize and honor Sergeant Ronald W. Burkhart for his service to his country.

Adopted by House April 17, 2017

Timothy G. Sekerak, Chief Clerk of House

Tina Kotek, Speaker of House

Adopted by Senate May 25, 2017

Peter Courtney, President of Senate