House Concurrent Resolution 11

Sponsored by Representative OLSON (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.**

Recognizes and honors Sergeant Ronald W. Burkhart (1949-1968) for his service to his country.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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.

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.