

Enrolled
House Concurrent Resolution 12

Sponsored by Representative OLSON; Senators BURDICK, DEVLIN (Pre-session filed.)

Whereas 33 Oregon State Police troopers have died in the line of duty, the greatest loss experienced by any Oregon law enforcement agency; and

Whereas Tim McLain, Oregon State Police Superintendent from 2007 to 2010, and the many other men and women who recognized the need, undertook a six-year effort of planning, fundraising and construction to create a memorial that would honor the fallen troopers and ensure that their selfless sacrifice would never be forgotten; and

Whereas designed by Gene Bolante of Salem and realized by Portland sculptor Jason Jones and local White Oak Construction, the Oregon State Police Fallen Trooper Memorial was conceived to be built from Oregon resources whenever possible; and

Whereas a site in front of the Public Service Building on the Capitol Mall, where for years the Oregon State Police were headquartered, was chosen to allow thousands of visitors to experience the memorial as a place of remembrance and reflection; and

Whereas the memorial serves, additionally, as instruction in Oregon history and, both by the many names inscribed there and the words of the epitaph "They shall neither shun responsibility nor shrink from duty in the face of danger," as a reminder of sacrifice and the perilous nature of defending Oregon's laws and the safety of its people; and

Whereas the memorial wall is formed of eight black basalt stones, quarried in Madras, Oregon, and weighing four tons each, that took nearly five years to hand cut and polish; and

Whereas each plaque, also of the black basalt, bears the name and End of Watch date of a fallen trooper, and each star on the map of Oregon signifies the place a trooper was killed; and

Whereas the column at the memorial's center is of granite, left jagged and unfinished at its top, symbolizing the troopers whose lives were untimely broken off and whose jobs can never be finished; and

Whereas on October 1, 2016, the formal dedication ceremony for the Oregon State Police Fallen Trooper Memorial was held in Salem on the Capitol Mall and was attended by families of the fallen, troopers and other public safety personnel, citizens and public officials, among them Oregon State Police Superintendent Travis Hampton, Senator Betsy Johnson and Governor Kate Brown; and

Whereas during the ceremony, Governor Brown expressed that "the Oregon State Police Fallen Trooper Memorial stands as a lasting tribute to the 33 troopers who made the ultimate sacrifice"; and

Whereas the Fallen Trooper Memorial also serves as a reflection of the courage and steadfast dedication to duty in the face of danger that these fallen officers showed while carrying out their oath to protect the communities in which they worked and lived; now, therefore,

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

That, in grateful recognition of the 33 men and women of the Oregon State Police who have paid the ultimate sacrifice, we, the members of the Seventy-ninth Legislative Assembly, honor and commend the Oregon State Police Fallen Trooper Memorial dedication ceremony held on October 1, 2016.

Adopted by House February 13, 2017

Timothy G. Sekerak, Chief Clerk of House

Tina Kotek, Speaker of House

Adopted by Senate May 2, 2017

Peter Courtney, President of Senate