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House Concurrent Resolution 15

Sponsored by Representatives KENNEMER, OLSON, Senator OLSEN (Pre-session filed.)

Whereas Oregon State Police Trooper William Thomas Levinson was born on February 1, 1925, in Syracuse, Indiana, to William and Ruby Levinson and had one sister; and

Whereas Trooper Levinson left high school in July 1942 to enlist in the United States Navy, where he received a Purple Heart and three Bronze Stars while serving his country; and

Whereas in 1945 Trooper Levinson married Neva Severy, with whom he had a daughter, Patricia, and a son, Rod William; and

Whereas Trooper Levinson was honorably discharged from the military in March 1949 and joined the Oregon State Police in May of that year, serving in Salem; and

Whereas on September 7, 1950, upon learning of a daily report that needed to be delivered, Trooper Levinson volunteered to transport it by motorcycle; and

Whereas while stopped near a railroad crossing, Trooper Levinson's motorcycle engaged into gear and collided with a passing train; and

Whereas Trooper Levinson was thrown into the side of the train and died immediately; and

Whereas Trooper Levinson was survived by his parents, his wife and his four-year-old daughter and nine-month-old son; and

Whereas Trooper Levinson enjoyed motorcycles, reading, helping people and spending time with his family and neighborhood children; and

Whereas Trooper Levinson did an important job and did it with passion, dedication and diligence; and

Whereas Trooper Levinson's loss was deeply felt by his family, his fellow officers and his many friends; 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 Trooper William Thomas Levinson for his service to this state.

Adopted by House March 27, 2017

Timothy G. Sekerak, Chief Clerk of House

Tina Kotek, Speaker of House

Adopted by Senate April 27, 2017

Peter Courtney, President of Senate