

# House Concurrent Resolution 27

Sponsored by Representative RESCHKE, Senators OLSEN, LINTHICUM; Representative KENNEMER

## 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 Corporal Jessica A. Ellis (1983-2008) for her service to her country.

## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1  
2       Whereas Corporal Jessica A. Ellis was born in Burley, Idaho, on June 26, 1983, to Steve and  
3 Linda Ellis; and

4       Whereas because her father's career required the family to move frequently, Corporal Jessica  
5 A. Ellis and her brother and sister, Cameron and Amanda, lived in various parts of the country  
6 while growing up; and

7       Whereas in 1997, Corporal Jessica A. Ellis moved with her family to Lakeview, Oregon; and

8       Whereas Corporal Jessica A. Ellis graduated in 2002 from Lakeview High School, where she had  
9 competed in cross country, swimming and track, and later earned an associate of arts degree at  
10 Central Oregon Community College in Bend; and

11       Whereas Corporal Jessica A. Ellis spent her college summers as a United States Forest Service  
12 firefighter on the Fremont-Winema National Forest in southern Oregon; and

13       Whereas Corporal Jessica A. Ellis loved running, fishing and spending time with her family and  
14 their animals; and

15       Whereas Corporal Jessica A. Ellis joined the United States Army in September 2004 and was  
16 assigned to the 2nd Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne  
17 Division (Air Assault), based out of Fort Campbell in Kentucky, and was twice deployed as a combat  
18 medic in Iraq; and

19       Whereas in keeping with her well-deserved reputation for putting the well-being of others before  
20 her own, Corporal Jessica A. Ellis earned the Combat Medic Badge during her first tour in Iraq for  
21 treating a wounded soldier under direct enemy fire; and

22       Whereas Corporal Jessica A. Ellis' courage, competence, friendliness and dependability earned  
23 her the nickname "Doc Ellis" from her fellow soldiers; and

24       Whereas during her second tour, three weeks after surviving a roadside blast that severely  
25 damaged her armored vehicle, known as a Buffalo, during a road-clearing operation, Corporal  
26 Jessica A. Ellis volunteered to take another medic's place on a road-clearing convoy and was killed  
27 in Baghdad, Iraq, on May 11, 2008, when the Buffalo in which she was riding made contact with an  
28 improvised explosive device; and

29       Whereas all who knew her will remember Corporal Jessica A. Ellis' famously indomitable curls  
30 that seemed a symbol of her bright and undaunted personality, but even more will they remember  
31 her dedication to and deep concern for her fellow soldiers; and

32       Whereas Corporal Jessica A. Ellis, in addition to her previous awards, posthumously received

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1 the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star and was buried at Arlington National Cemetery; and

2       Whereas Corporal Jessica A. Ellis' father said of her that "she gave the largest sacrifice a  
3 person could, selflessly, like she did everything else in her life"; and

4       Whereas Corporal Jessica A. Ellis is survived by her parents and her brother and sister; now,  
5 therefore,

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

7       We, the members of the Seventy-ninth Legislative Assembly, recognize and honor Corporal  
8 Jessica A. Ellis for her service to her country.

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