

House Concurrent Resolution 5

Sponsored by Representative WILSON; Representative ESQUIVEL (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 Deputy Thomas Ernest Rice (1956-2002) for his service to this state.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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2 Whereas Deputy Thomas Ernest Rice was born on March 14, 1956, in Grants Pass, Oregon, to
3 I. Pearl Rice-Smalley and R. Wallace Rice and grew up surrounded by family, including his brother,
4 Richard, and sister, Barbara, and aunts, uncles and cousins; and

5 Whereas in his junior year of high school, Deputy Rice began working for Josephine Growers
6 Co-Op, where he worked for the next 18 years while raising his family; and

7 Whereas Deputy Rice graduated in 1974 from Grants Pass High School; and

8 Whereas Deputy Rice married his high school sweetheart, Rita Moran, in 1976, and together
9 they had a son, Daniel, and daughter, Erin; and

10 Whereas Deputy Rice volunteered with the Josephine County Sheriff's Office as a reserve officer
11 until he was hired as a full-time officer in 1992; and

12 Whereas Deputy Rice earned the Star of Life Award in 2000 for his efforts in a river rescue;
13 and

14 Whereas Deputy Rice coordinated local law enforcement memorial ceremonies honoring fallen
15 officers; and

16 Whereas Deputy Rice held a captain's license issued by the United States Coast Guard; and

17 Whereas Deputy Rice was killed on May 23, 2002, in a helicopter accident while conducting a
18 search and rescue mission for an elderly woman believed to have drowned in the Rogue River; and

19 Whereas Deputy Rice's mother-in-law, Josephine County Deputy Alice Moran, was killed in an
20 on-duty airplane accident on November 17, 1971; and

21 Whereas Deputy Rice enjoyed reading, boating and working on his Dodge pickup; and

22 Whereas Deputy Rice valued his time spent attending church; and

23 Whereas Deputy Rice worked nights and weekends driving excursion boats; and

24 Whereas Deputy Rice was proud and honored to serve the Josephine County community that
25 his family had been a key part of for several generations and that was so important in forming who
26 he became in life; and

27 Whereas Deputy Rice was raised on the Rogue River, loved and respected the river, was on the
28 river at every opportunity and gave his life on the river that he loved so much; and

29 Whereas Deputy Rice loved to be with his family and friends; and

30 Whereas Deputy Rice did an important job and did it with passion, dedication and diligence; and

31 Whereas Deputy Rice had many friends and is greatly missed; now, therefore,

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

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.

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1 That we, the members of the Seventy-ninth Legislative Assembly, recognize and honor Deputy
2 Thomas Ernest Rice for his service to this state.
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