

Enrolled
House Concurrent Resolution 7

Sponsored by Representative BENTZ, Senator FERRIOLI (at the request of Michelle DeFord) (Pre-session filed.)

Whereas Oregon National Guard Sergeant David W. Johnson-DeFord was born on January 6, 1967, in Portland, Oregon, to Michelle DeFord and Rick Johnson; and

Whereas Sergeant David W. Johnson-DeFord grew up in Colton, Oregon, and graduated from Colton High School in 1985; and

Whereas Sergeant David W. Johnson-DeFord joined the United States Army after graduation and served from 1987 to 1991 before returning to civilian life; and

Whereas Sergeant David W. Johnson-DeFord then pursued his passion for motorcycles by becoming an amateur racer; and

Whereas after the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, Sergeant David W. Johnson-DeFord enlisted in the Oregon National Guard, saying, "This is something I have to do"; and

Whereas originally trained as a cook, Sergeant David W. Johnson-DeFord retrained as a gunner and served in Iraq with the 2nd Battalion, 162nd Infantry Regiment; and

Whereas Sergeant David W. Johnson-DeFord died on September 25, 2004, when an improvised explosive device detonated near his Humvee, the last in a 14-vehicle supply convoy, on a road northwest of Baghdad; and

Whereas Sergeant David W. Johnson-DeFord was described by his fellow soldiers as "the type of individual that would be there for you no matter what" and who "constantly had a good thought, a happy word, and a cheerful grin"; and

Whereas at the funeral of Sergeant David W. Johnson-DeFord, Governor Ted Kulongoski stated that the sergeant "personified the spirit of the state"; 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 David W. Johnson-DeFord for his service to his country.

Adopted by House February 15, 2017

Timothy G. Sekerak, Chief Clerk of House

Tina Kotek, Speaker of House

Adopted by Senate June 5, 2017

Peter Courtney, President of Senate