

# House Concurrent Resolution 7

Sponsored by Representative BENTZ (at the request of Michelle DeFord) (Pre-session 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 Sergeant David W. Johnson-DeFord (1967-2004) for his service to his country.

## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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.

**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.