

Senate Bill 573

Sponsored by Senator KNOPP, Representative BUEHLER (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**.

Encourages Oregonians to honor and remember those who have given their lives in military service in war at noon on 21st day of each month.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to recognition for fallen military service members.

3 Whereas Oregon and the nation should honor the service of American veterans who have given
4 their lives in the various wars in defense of freedom; and

5 Whereas we live in the 21st century and it is time for a 21st century policy in all 50 states; and

6 Whereas the highest salute our nation can bestow on our military or public officials, including
7 the President of the United States, is formally known as the "21 Gun Salute"; and

8 Whereas 21 is the number of steps the Sentinel takes to face the Tomb of the Unknowns and
9 the Sentinel faces the Tomb of the Unknowns for 21 seconds; and

10 Whereas observing a 21-second moment of silence is an appropriate way to honor our fallen
11 soldiers and to help this and future generations to understand and respect the sacrifice made by
12 service members who have given their lives; and

13 Whereas the birth year of our country is 1776, the numbers of which add up to and equal 21;
14 now, therefore,

15 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

16 **SECTION 1. Oregonians shall be encouraged and allowed to pause for 21 seconds' dura-**
17 **tion at noon on the 21st day of each month in honor and remembrance of all those who have**
18 **given their lives in military service in war.**

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