

Senate Concurrent Resolution 10

Sponsored by Senator PROZANSKI (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 Reserve Deputy Robert Milton Riley (1922-1958) for his service to this state.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Whereas Reserve Deputy Robert Milton Riley was born to Fred and Audrey Riley on June 12, 1922, in Elkton, Oregon, and grew up surrounded by family; and

Whereas Reserve Deputy Riley attended Elkton High School until he was needed to work full time on the family farm; and

Whereas Reserve Deputy Riley married his wife, Venola, who served Lane County Sheriff's Office as a matron; and

Whereas they had one son, Stephen, who later became a police officer in Eugene, Oregon, and chief of the Latgawa Tribal Police; and

Whereas Reserve Deputy Riley was a member of Merrill's Marauders in Burma and India during World War II, participating in the liberation of the Myitkyina airfield that was vital to the war effort; and

Whereas after returning from the war, Reserve Deputy Riley joined the Eugene Police Department as a reserve officer and rose to the rank of lieutenant; and

Whereas on the morning of August 17, 1958, Reserve Deputy Riley was killed in an automobile accident in Springfield, Oregon; and

Whereas Reserve Deputy Riley was a passenger on patrol with the Springfield police as they attempted to stop a fleeing vehicle; and

Whereas Reserve Deputy Riley died on his son's seventh birthday; and

Whereas in his spare time Reserve Deputy Riley was a largely self-taught electrician and inventor; and

Whereas Reserve Deputy Riley enjoyed building model railroads and inventing a host of items, such as new toothpaste caps, illuminated fishing lures, articulated screwdrivers and long-range listening devices; and

Whereas Reserve Deputy Riley was the inventor and manufacturer of the Riley Mechanical Decoy, the world's first successful decoy of its kind; and

Whereas Reserve Deputy Riley enjoyed his time with family and friends; and

Whereas Reserve Deputy Riley volunteered as a deacon and junior high teacher at the University Street Church of Christ in Eugene; and

Whereas prior to his entering law enforcement, Reserve Deputy Riley had owned and operated a timber hauling business in Elkton, Riley's Armature Rewinding in Eugene and McKenzie Protec-

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.

1 tive Service in Springfield and Glenwood; and

2 Whereas Reserve Deputy Riley learned law enforcement while on the job and was known as a
3 highly skilled investigator and interviewer who executed his duties with passion, dedication and
4 diligence; and

5 Whereas Reserve Deputy Riley's death was a great loss to his family and friends; now, therefore,

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

7 That we, the members of the Seventy-ninth Legislative Assembly, recognize and honor Reserve
8 Deputy Robert Milton Riley for his service to this state.

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