

## Enrolled

# Senate Concurrent Resolution 19

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Whereas Corporal Jeremy M. Loveless was born on June 27, 1980, to Connie and Michael Loveless in Albany, Oregon; and

Whereas Corporal Jeremy M. Loveless was raised in Gresham and, in 1998, graduated from Gresham High School, where he played varsity soccer; and

Whereas Corporal Jeremy M. Loveless married Melissa Ann Veley in July 2000, and they had a daughter, Chloe, who was four years of age at the time of her father's death; and

Whereas Corporal Jeremy M. Loveless volunteered for the Estacada Fire Department, as well as for the Clackamas County Sheriff's Search and Rescue Team, and aspired to become a professional first responder; and

Whereas Corporal Jeremy M. Loveless enlisted in the United States Army in October 2004 and served as a combat medic assigned to 2nd Battalion, 1st Infantry Regiment, 172nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, based at Fort Wainwright in Alaska; and

Whereas Corporal Jeremy M. Loveless was deployed to Iraq in August 2005 for a one-year tour in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom; and

Whereas time and again Corporal Jeremy M. Loveless proved his worth as a combat medic, and the soldiers in the 10 platoons with which he served were always glad when he rode with them, as they knew that he cared deeply about protecting their lives; and

Whereas Corporal Jeremy M. Loveless was killed on Memorial Day, May 29, 2006, when he was shot by enemy small arms fire during combat operations in Mosul, Iraq; and

Whereas at the time of his death, Corporal Jeremy M. Loveless was riding outside his Stryker vehicle in a dangerous position that he often volunteered to take, one in which a medic would not normally be found during a mission but that provided a better view as a lookout and often offered him the opportunity to toss candy to Iraqi children as he passed by on patrol; and

Whereas Corporal Jeremy M. Loveless loved his family, his volunteer work with the fire department and the search and rescue team, target shooting and video games and was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed bicycling, backpacking and rock climbing; and

Whereas Corporal Jeremy M. Loveless was described as a warm and open man "who was genuinely here to help others"; and

Whereas this year the street on which Estacada's main fire station is located was renamed in Corporal Jeremy M. Loveless' honor; and

Whereas Corporal Jeremy M. Loveless was survived by his wife, Melissa Loveless, his daughter, Chloe Loveless, his parents, Connie and Michael Loveless, and his brothers, Nicholas Loveless and Brandon Loveless; and

Whereas Specialist Six Norman Francis Evans was born on March 6, 1947; and

Whereas Specialist Four David Lynn Evans was born on December 21, 1948; and

Whereas the Evans brothers and their family resided in Klamath Falls, Oregon; and

Whereas Specialist Six Norman Francis Evans was a United States Army soldier assigned to 156th Aviation Company Army Security Agency (ASA), 224th ASA Aviation Battalion, 509th ASA Group, United States Army, Vietnam (USARV); and

Whereas Specialist Six Norman Francis Evans was a 33G20 ECM/DF Systems Repairman; and

Whereas Specialist Six Norman Francis Evans died in a fixed-wing aircraft accident in Phong Dinh Province, South Vietnam, on November 24, 1970, at the age of 23; and

Whereas Specialist Four David Lynn Evans was a United States Army soldier assigned to 117th Assault Helicopter Company, 214th Combat Aviation Battalion, 127th Aviation Group, 1st Aviation Brigade, USARV; and

Whereas Specialist Four David Lynn Evans was a 35K20 Avionics Mechanic; and

Whereas Specialist Four David Lynn Evans died in a helicopter crash during a hostile engagement in Long An Province, South Vietnam, on October 24, 1968, at the age of 19; and

Whereas the father of the Evans brothers, James Earl Evans (1926-1983), was a United States Air Force veteran who served in World War II and the Korean War; and

Whereas David Lynn Evans (1969-2011), the son of Specialist Six Norman Francis Evans and the namesake of his uncle, was a soldier in the United States Army National Guard who served in the Iraq War; and

Whereas the Evans family of Klamath Falls is one of only 39 families nationwide, and four families in Oregon, to lose two sons in the Vietnam War; and

Whereas the citizens of Klamath Falls and Klamath County and the Vietnam Veterans of America wish to honor the sacrifice of the Evans family in the Vietnam War; 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 Corporal Jeremy M. Loveless, Specialist Six Norman Francis Evans and Specialist Four David Lynn Evans for their service to their country.

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Adopted by Senate May 1, 2017

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Lori L. Brocker, Secretary of Senate

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Peter Courtney, President of Senate

Adopted by House June 7, 2017

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Tina Kotek, Speaker of House