Senate Concurrent Resolution 23

Sponsored by Senator KNOPP (at the request of Dick Tobiason)

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 Technician Fifth Grade Robert Dale Maxwell for his long and faithful service to his state and country.

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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 Whereas Technician Fifth Grade Robert Dale Maxwell was born on October 26, 1920, in Boise, 3 Idaho, and was raised by his grandparents in the Quaker faith in Kansas; and

Whereas Technician Fifth Grade Robert D. Maxwell was drafted in World War II from Colorado
but declined conscientious objector status in favor of serving as an infantryman in the United States
Army in the famed 3rd Infantry Division; and

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7 Whereas Technician Fifth Grade Robert D. Maxwell was awarded the Congressional Medal of 8 Honor for exemplary heroism above and beyond the call of duty in risking his life on September 7,

9 1944, in Besancon, France, to save three comrades from certain death by hurling himself on a

10 German hand grenade thrown into their midst, two Silver Stars, two Purple Hearts, a Bronze Star

and numerous campaign medals for his service in Italy and France during World War II; and

12 Whereas the French government awarded Technician Fifth Grade Robert D. Maxwell two of 13 France's highest honors, the Croix de Guerre and the Legion d'honneur; and

Whereas Technician Fifth Grade Robert D. Maxwell used the G.I. Bill to earn certification in automotive technology and turned that education into a career spanning more than 30 years of teaching at Bend Senior High School, Central Oregon College, later renamed Central Oregon Community College, and Lane Community College; and

18 Whereas Technician Fifth Grade Robert D. Maxwell, as a director of the Bend Heroes Founda-19 tion, was instrumental in creating numerous veterans memorials in Oregon, including the Bend He-20 roes Memorial, the Bend Parade of Flags, the World War II Veterans Historic Highway and the 21 Oregon Medal of Honor Exhibit; and

22 Whereas Technician Fifth Grade Robert D. Maxwell, as a director of the Bend Heroes Founda-23 tion, has been an ardent promoter of the Congressional Medal of Honor Foundation's Character 24 Development Program, already implemented at Bend Senior High School and High Desert Middle 25 School, across Oregon; and

26 Whereas Technician Fifth Grade Robert D. Maxwell celebrated his 96th birthday with family, 27 fellow veterans and friends in Bend, Oregon, on October 26, 2016; and

28 Whereas Technician Fifth Grade Robert D. Maxwell is our nation's oldest living Medal of Honor 29 recipient; and

30 Whereas Technician Fifth Grade Robert D. Maxwell's friends know him as a true American pa-31 triot who is an ardent promoter of education, Christianity and American history and who has been

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- 1 able to connect the veterans community with others across the country; and
- 2 Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:
- 3 That we, the members of the Seventy-ninth Legislative Assembly, recognize and honor Techni-
- 4 cian Fifth Grade Robert Dale Maxwell for his long and faithful service to his state and country.

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