

Senate Concurrent Resolution 24

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**.

Commends Bend Heroes Foundation for its work in recognizing and honoring veterans and first responders.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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2 Whereas the nonprofit organization Bend Heroes Foundation opened its doors in 2010 with a
3 mission to honor veterans and first responders; and

4 Whereas the Bend Heroes Foundation has honored 550 World War II veterans between the ages
5 of 88 and 102, from 22 Oregon counties, by providing them with four-day Honor Flights to
6 Washington, D.C., to visit their national World War II Memorial, 10 other veterans memorials and
7 the United States Capitol; and

8 Whereas the Bend Heroes Foundation has worked with the Legislative Assembly to create six
9 border-to-border veterans memorial highways in Oregon, honoring the nearly 480,000 Oregon veter-
10 ans who served, and the more than 21,000 who became casualties, during five major wars since
11 World War I; and

12 Whereas the Bend Heroes Foundation's veterans highway signs project has installed 67 signs,
13 including signs for two unique memorial highways, the Persian Gulf, Afghanistan and Iraq Veterans
14 Memorial Highway, the first of its kind in the nation, and Oregon's Purple Heart Trail; and

15 Whereas the Bend Heroes Foundation created the Oregon Medal of Honor Exhibit, honoring
16 Oregon's 26 veterans who, beginning with the Civil War, received our country's highest military
17 award for heroism above and beyond the call of duty; and

18 Whereas the Bend Heroes Foundation created the Bend Heroes Memorial, which honors veter-
19 ans and first responders, and the Bend Parade of Flags and instituted the Purple Heart City and the
20 Gold Star Mother's and Family's Day projects in Bend; and

21 Whereas the Bend Heroes Foundation has connected World War II veterans with students at
22 Bend Senior High School and Summit High School during Veterans Day assemblies; and

23 Whereas the Bend Heroes Foundation initiated Bend's participation in the national Wreaths
24 Across America program and has since inspired other central Oregon cities to follow its example;
25 and

26 Whereas the Bend Heroes Foundation has raised over \$800,000 from many generous donors
27 across Oregon to complete 30 veterans projects; and

28 Whereas the Bend Heroes Foundation has requested that the Legislative Assembly honor this
29 state's 26 Medal of Honor recipients by designating portions of Interstate 5 and Interstate 205 as
30 the Oregon Medal of Honor Highway and by bestowing the designation of Medal of Honor City on
31 11 Oregon cities; and

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 Whereas the Bend Heroes Foundation's officers, directors and volunteers serve proudly without
2 pay; and

3 Whereas the Bend Heroes Foundation has received national, state and local recognition for its
4 veteran projects and patriotism; and

5 Whereas the Bend Heroes Foundation's projects have honored Oregon's veterans and first
6 responders and have increased public awareness of their more than 150 years of service and sacri-
7 fice; now, therefore,

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

9 That we, the members of the Seventy-ninth Legislative Assembly, commend the Bend Heroes
10 Foundation for its work in recognizing and honoring Oregon's veterans and first responders and
11 their faithful service to their state and country.

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