

A-Engrossed
Senate Concurrent Resolution 8

Ordered by the Senate February 27
Including Senate Amendments dated February 27

Sponsored by Senator PROZANSKI (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.

Recognizes and honors Deputy Roy Hugo Dirks (1936-1975) for his service to this state.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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2 Whereas Lane County Sheriff's Deputy Roy Hugo Dirks was born on November 9, 1936, in
3 Roseburg, Oregon, to Howard Dirks and Katherine Rogers Dirks and had five siblings, Gloria,
4 Gerald, who was later killed in the Korean War, Dale, Robert and Linda; and

5 Whereas Deputy Dirks was an Explorer Scout, participating in a bicycle patrol unit; and

6 Whereas Deputy Dirks graduated from Brookings High School in 1954, where he was a
7 cheerleader, an athlete and, as a member of the Lucky Seven Club, a mentor to fellow students; and

8 Whereas from 1955 to 1957, Deputy Dirks was stationed in Germany while serving in the United
9 States Army as a boxer and military police officer; and

10 Whereas Deputy Dirks married Deanna Dirks in 1958, and together they had two daughters,
11 Debi and Denise; and

12 Whereas in 1965 Deputy Dirks married LaVonne Scott, with whom he had two children, Vonnie
13 and Gerald; and

14 Whereas Deputy Dirks was later briefly married to Yvonne Buckwalter; and

15 Whereas Deputy Dirks had two more daughters, Kimberly and Natalie; and

16 Whereas Deputy Dirks was a loving father, husband, brother, uncle and cousin who did not live
17 to meet his 12 grandchildren and his great-grandchild; and

18 Whereas Deputy Dirks was hired by the Eugene Police Department, where he worked in the jail
19 from 1958 to 1965; and

20 Whereas Deputy Dirks became a resident deputy in 1965 in Cottage Grove, Oregon, serving as
21 a motorcycle officer; and

22 Whereas Deputy Dirks joined the Lane County Sheriff's Office Detectives Unit in 1967 as one
23 of five members of the narcotics team; and

24 Whereas Deputy Dirks educated local youth about the dangers of drugs; and

25 Whereas Deputy Dirks participated in the resolution of the Jerome Brudos serial murder case;
26 and

27 Whereas Deputy Dirks was once instrumental in solving a murder case by playing a game of
28 pool against a witness, making a deal that if Deputy Dirks won the game, the witness would tell all,
29 but if the witness won, the deputy would ask him no more questions; 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 being a fine pool player, Deputy Dirks won the game and solved the case; and

2 Whereas at the time of his death, Deputy Dirks was attending Lane Community College, study-
3 ing criminal justice, and had ambitions to go to law school; and

4 Whereas on April 11, 1975, Deputy Dirks was investigating a boating accident when he was shot
5 and killed by cult members of the Children of the Valley of Life, headed by Norman T. "Snake"
6 Brooks; and

7 Whereas in 1975 Deputy Dirks was awarded the Exchange Clubs of America Blue and Gold
8 Posthumous Service Award; and

9 Whereas Deputy Dirks loved fishing, telling jokes, riding motorcycles, golfing, singing, dancing
10 and playing the guitar; and

11 Whereas Deputy Dirks loved spending time with his family and fellow Moose Lodge members;
12 and

13 Whereas Deputy Dirks was a hard-working officer who did his job with passion, dedication and
14 diligence; and

15 Whereas these many years later, Deputy Dirks is still greatly missed by his family and his many
16 friends; now, therefore,

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

18 That we, the members of the Seventy-ninth Legislative Assembly, recognize and honor Deputy
19 Roy Hugo Dirks for his service to this state.

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