

Senate Concurrent Resolution 8

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

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1
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 four siblings, Gloria,
4 Gerald, who was later killed in the Korean War, 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 later married 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 attended Lane Community College, in pursuit of a law degree, before
19 being hired by the Eugene Police Department, where he worked in the jail 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

30 Whereas being a fine pool player, Deputy Dirks won the game and solved the case; and

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

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 Brooks; and

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

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

6 Whereas Deputy Dirks loved spending time with his family and fellow Moose Lodge members;
7 and

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

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

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

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

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