

HB 2100-A6  
(LC 959)  
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Requested by SENATE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO  
A-ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL 2100**

1 On page 1 of the printed A-engrossed bill, delete lines 3 through 26.

2 On page 2, delete lines 1 through 12 and insert:

3 “Whereas the Medal of Honor is our nation’s highest award for valor  
4 presented to veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States for acting  
5 above and beyond the call of duty during combat and at the risk of death to  
6 oneself; and

7 “Whereas Oregon has been home to 26 Medal of Honor recipients from  
8 the United States Army, United States Army Air Forces, United States Navy  
9 and the United States Marine Corps who served during eight wars from the  
10 Civil War to Vietnam, a period of 108 years; and

11 “Whereas Bend Heroes Foundation created the Oregon Medal of Honor  
12 Exhibit at Evergreen Aviation and Space Museum in McMinnville honoring  
13 all 26 recipients in a central location; and

14 “Whereas 26 recipients have resided in, live in or were laid to rest in 12  
15 Oregon cities and communities Agness, Bend, Corvallis, Eugene, Hood River,  
16 Jordan Valley, Medford, Oakridge, Portland, Richland, Salem and The  
17 Dalles; and

18 “Whereas the 2017 Legislative Assembly adopted House Concurrent Re-  
19 solution 1 designating these locations as ‘Medal of Honor’ communities or  
20 cities; and

21 “Whereas, the Bend Heroes Foundation plans to work with local organ-

1 izations to place Medal of Honor markers in communities for the following  
2 recipients: Alaric B. Chapin, Civil War, 1861-1865; Hartwell B. Compson,  
3 Civil War, 1861-1865; Nathan H. Edgerton, Civil War, 1861-1865; Louis  
4 Renninger, Civil War, 1861-1865; James Jackson, Indian Campaigns,  
5 1861-1898; Nicholas Meaher, Indian Campaigns, 1861-1898; Lewis Phife, Indian  
6 Campaigns, 1861-1898; Frank C. High, Philippine Insurrection, 1899-1911;  
7 Charles E. Kilbourne, Philippine Insurrection, 1899-1911; Marcus W.  
8 Robertson, Philippine Insurrection, 1899-1911; Jacob Volz, Philippine  
9 Insurrection, 1899-1911; John A. Murphy, Boxer Rebellion, 1900; Harry D.  
10 Fadden, Peacetime, 1903; Edward C. Allworth, World War I, 1917-1918;  
11 Arnold L. Bjorklund, World War II, 1941-1945; Arthur J. Jackson, World War  
12 II, 1941-1945; David R. Kingsley, World War II, 1941-1945; Robert D.  
13 Maxwell, World War II, 1941-1945; Henry Schauer, World War II, 1941-1945;  
14 Stuart S. Stryker, World War II, 1941-1945; Stanley T. Adams, Korean War,  
15 1950-1953; Loren R. Kaufman, Korean War, 1950-1953; Larry G. Dahl, Vietnam  
16 War, 1964-1975; John N. Holcomb, Vietnam War, 1964-1975; Gary W. Martini,  
17 Vietnam War, 1964-1975; and Maximo Yabes, Vietnam War, 1964-1975; and

18 “Whereas Oregon’s Medal of Honor recipients are not presently honored  
19 by Medal of Honor markers in their communities; and

20 “Whereas placing community markers will acknowledge the service and  
21 sacrifice of Congressional Medal of Honor recipients; and

22 “Whereas U.S. Highway 20 in Oregon is the only major border-to-border  
23 highway not designated to honor Oregon war veterans; and

24 “Whereas U.S. Highway 20 in Oregon, at 451 miles in length, is the  
25 longest border-to-border highway in Oregon; and

26 “Whereas U.S. Highway 20 in Oregon includes the city of Corvallis, home  
27 of World War I Medal of Honor recipient Edward C. Allworth, and the city  
28 of Bend, home of World War II Medal of Honor recipient Robert D. Maxwell;  
29 and

30 “Whereas U.S. Highway 20 would be the first such border-to-border high-

1 way in our nation honoring all of a state’s recipients; and

2 “Whereas U.S. Highway 20, at 3,365 miles in length, spans our nation  
3 from Newport, Oregon, to Boston, Massachusetts, traversing 12 states, and  
4 is the longest highway in our nation; and

5 “Whereas U.S. Highway 20 as a national Medal of Honor Highway across  
6 our nation would honor 1,987 accredited recipients in 12 states, or about 57  
7 percent of all recipients of the Medal of Honor; and

8 “Whereas designating U.S. Highway 20 in Oregon as the Oregon Medal  
9 of Honor Highway would set an example for creating the first American  
10 Medal of Honor Highway across America; and

11 “Whereas Robert D. Maxwell, a World War II veteran, who at 96 years  
12 of age is our nation’s oldest living Medal of Honor recipient of all wars, lives  
13 in Bend and is the only Medal of Honor recipient living in Oregon; and

14 “Whereas Oregon deeply appreciates the service and sacrifice of its Medal  
15 of Honor recipients and the positive roles they have played in their commu-  
16 nities across Oregon for more than 100 years; and

17 “Whereas Oregon’s veterans have offered to pay the cost to create, install  
18 and maintain signs for the ‘Oregon Medal of Honor Highway’ and community  
19 markers; now, therefore,”.

20 Delete lines 14 through 45 and delete page 3 and insert:

21 **“SECTION 1. (1) The Department of Transportation may install and**  
22 **maintain memorial markers in roadside rest areas and turnouts on**  
23 **U.S. Highway 20 recognizing this state’s current and future recipients**  
24 **of the Medal of Honor.**

25 **“(2)(a) The department may accept moneys from and may enter into**  
26 **agreements with veterans groups to create, install and maintain the**  
27 **signs.**

28 **“(b) The department may not use public funds for the installation**  
29 **and maintenance of the signs.**

30 **“SECTION 2. (1) The portion of U.S. Highway 20 beginning in**

1 Newport, Oregon, and ending at the Idaho state line shall also be  
2 known as the Oregon Medal of Honor Highway, honoring current and  
3 future Medal of Honor recipients.

4 “(2) The Department of Transportation shall place and maintain  
5 along U.S. Highway 20 suitable markers that include the designation  
6 of the highway as the Oregon Medal of Honor Highway.

7 “(3)(a) The department may accept moneys from and may enter into  
8 agreements with veterans groups to create, install and maintain the  
9 markers.

10 “(b) The department may not use public funds for the installation  
11 and maintenance of the markers.

12 “SECTION 3. This 2017 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the  
13 date on which the 2017 regular session of the Seventy-ninth Legislative  
14 Assembly adjourns sine die.”

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