

**HCR 207 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**House Committee On Rules**

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**Meeting Dates:** 2/6

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Recognizes and honors Trooper Ralph Bates for his service to Oregon.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

Shortly after joining the Oregon State Police and celebrating his 24th birthday, Trooper Ralph D. Bates pulled over a motor vehicle on Highway 30 when he was fired upon by the vehicle's driver. Despite being mortally wounded by the gunfire, he managed to record the license number of his assailant's vehicle, which led to the successful capture of Edward W. Sheckler with no additional loss of life.

Oregon State Police Trooper Ralph D. Bates was born on September 26, 1938 in Long Beach, California to Albert B. and Peggy M. Bates along with his two brothers and sisters. He graduated from Medford High School in 1956 and went on to bravely serve his country in the United States Navy from 1956 to 1959. He was survived by his parents, two brothers, sister, and several nieces and nephews.

House Concurrent Resolution 207 recognizes and honors Oregon State Police Trooper Ralph D. Bates for his service to this state.