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Tillamook County Sheriff's Office

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January 29, 2018

The House Rules Committee
Oregon State Legislature
900 Court Street NE
Salem, Oregon 97301

RE: Deputy Tom Farrell Memorial Road Sign
Resolution number HCR 203

TO: The Oregon House Rules Committee

On February 22, 1987, Tillamook County Deputy Tom Farrell experienced a fatal heart attack while assisting another deputy when a vehicle had overturned in the surf on the beach at Tierra del Mar. The vehicle could only be accessed by a four-wheel drive vehicle. The deputy on scene requested Deputy Farrell respond to the scene with his four-wheel drive vehicle. Deputy Farrell responded to the scene and assisted with removing the vehicle from the surf while the injured driver was transferred to a hospital.

Deputy Farrell was a veteran of both the U.S. Navy and U.S. Air Force and had served with the Tillamook County Sheriff's Office for seven years when he died in the line of duty, serving and protecting the citizens of Tillamook County. He was survived by his wife, a son, three daughters, three grandsons, parents and six siblings and many co-workers.

It was meaningful when Deputy Tom Farrell's name was added to the National Law Enforcement Memorial Wall in Washington DC. It was also meaningful when his name was added to the Oregon Fallen Law Enforcement Officers Memorial at the Department of Public Safety and Standards Academy in Salem, Oregon. It is now time to honor Deputy Farrell with a Memorial Road Sign near his home and where he died in Tillamook County.

Thank you for considering this request to give honor to an officer who made the greatest sacrifice, dying in the line of duty.

Respectfully,

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