

HCR 203 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

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Meeting Dates: 2/26

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Recognizes and honors Deputy Thomas Farrell for his service to Oregon.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

After nine years serving the Tillamook County Sheriff's Office, Deputy Thomas Robert Farrell suffered a fatal heart attack on April 23, 1987, while freeing a vehicle that had overturned in the surf on the beach in Tierra Del Mar.

Deputy Farrell was born on May 4, 1939, in Springfield, Missouri, to James and Mildred Farrell along with his six siblings. On June 13, 1959, he married Cathleen "Kay" Gauthier and together they had four children, Tammy, Thomas, Theresa, and Tracy. He is described by loved ones as a compassionate, loving, and caring man who was always there when you needed anything, whether it was an ear to listen or a shoulder to lean on.

Deputy Farrell began his public service career by serving his country for two years in the United States Navy Reserve. He went on to serve in the United States Air Force for 20 years, which took him around the world while being stationed in Mississippi, Pennsylvania, Maine, Oregon, and Japan, with assignments in Korea, Vietnam, and Thailand. He began his law enforcement career serving as a Tillamook County Sheriff's Office reserve deputy and a Tillamook County 9-1-1 dispatcher until January 9, 1984, when he became a deputy sheriff.

Deputy Farrell loved hunting and fly fishing and especially enjoyed tying his own flies. Most of all, he loved spending time with his family and friends, especially his grandchildren and is greatly missed by his family and many friends.

House Concurrent Resolution 203 A recognizes and honors Deputy Thomas Robert Farrell for his service to the state.