

**HCR 204 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Senate Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness**

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**Meeting Dates:** 2/26

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Recognizes and honors Deputy Gil Datan for his service to Oregon.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

After 19 years of pouring his heart and soul into law enforcement, Deputy Gil Catalino Datan was killed on April 20, 2015, in an all-terrain vehicle crash, while patrolling timber lands near Coos Bay.

Deputy Datan was born on July 29, 1971, in Salinas, California, to Colleen and Gil T. Datan, and grew up with his sister Michelle. He graduated from Bishop High School in California where he broke state records in the shot put and discus. He valued the time spent with his family, including his daughters, Cheyenne Kahealani Datan, who was 15 at the time of her father's death, and Jada Marie Sharp, who was 8.

In 2009, Deputy Datan joined the Coos County Sheriff's Office and served as a deputy sheriff for five years after previously serving the Myrtle Point, North Bend, Confederated Tribes, and Reedsport Police Departments. During his career, he had numerous special assignments and was instrumental in several major cases including the prosecution of a notorious murderer and arsonist in North Bend in 1999, where his quick actions prevented the loss of valuable evidence. He was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for his hard work on the case. In his off time, Deputy Datan could often be found riding all-terrain vehicles, target shooting, lake fishing, camping, and dancing.

House Concurrent Resolution 204 A recognizes and honors Deputy Gil Catalino Datan for his service to this state.