

HCR 209 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 Lance Corporal Bryan Pahl Bertrand for his service to his country.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Lance Corporal Bertrand was born on August 12, 1978, in Coos Bay, Oregon, to Bruce and Patricia Bertrand where he grew up with his two sisters, Rebecca and Tara. He graduated from Marshfield High School where he excelled at sports and was an all-state linebacker on the football team. Through his love of sports, he was drawn to the physical challenges, teamwork, and camaraderie of the Marine Corps. After graduating from basic training, Lance Corporal Bertrand furthered his skills by attending Marine Combat Training at Camp Pendleton, California and graduating from Marine Aerial Navigation School at Randolph Air Force Base in Texas. This led to him joining the Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 352 nicknamed the "Raiders," and in 2001 he navigated a C-130 transport plane on a flight around the world.

Within weeks of September 11, 2001, Lance Corporal Bryan Pahl Bertrand was deployed to the Middle East, where he flew missions delivering supplies between Pakistan, Bahrain, and Afghanistan. On January 9, 2002, Lance Corporal Bertrand and six other Marines died when their KC-130 crashed in Pakistan. His was Oregon's first military death in the war against terrorism.

Lance Corporal Bertrand will be remembered as a proud Marine who had a passion for teamwork and always placed a team result above any personal achievement. In the words of Gunnery Sergeant Randolph Richter, "He could always be found surrounded by others ready to engage in whatever had to be done with enthusiasm."

House Concurrent Resolution 209 recognizes and honors Lance Corporal Bryan Pahl Bertrand for his service to his country.