

HCR 210 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

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Meeting Dates: 2/21, 2/26

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Recognizes and honors firefighter Ryan Grimaldi for his service to Oregon.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Shortly after being presented with the Distinguished Unit Citation for service he and his crew provided fighting wildfires in California, Ryan Grimaldi was killed by a falling tree while on a hunting trip with a friend and fellow firefighter in Morrow County.

Grimaldi was born on August 23, 1986, in Gresham, Oregon, where he grew up and became known as a great, selfless, caring man who was full of life. He began his firefighting career in 2002, while still attending Clackamas High School, as a volunteer Explorer with the Clackamas Fire District. He later joined Banks Fire District as a volunteer in 2004. He was an active volunteer who served his community well through charitable actions, which included serving as coordinator of the Hillsboro Fire Department's Toy and Joy program. His firefighting career spanned 15 years; six with the Hillsboro Fire Department as a firefighter and emergency medical technician. He was selected by his peers as the 2015 Hillsboro Firefighter of the Year. He deployed to fight the Warm Springs wildfire in August, as well as the Eagle Creek fire in September. He was an outstanding firefighter who is greatly missed by his family, friends, and community.

House Concurrent Resolution 210 recognizes and honors firefighter Ryan Grimaldi for his service to the state.