

HCR 207 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Olson

House Committee On Rules

Action Date: 02/06/18

Action: Be Adopted.

Vote: 8-0-1-0

Yeas: 8 - Barreto, Kennemer, McLane, Nosse, Rayfield, Smith Warner, Williamson, Wilson

Exc: 1 - Holvey

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Recognizes and honors Trooper Ralph Bates for his service to Oregon.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Life and service of Trooper Bates
- Heroism shown by Trooper Bates after being mortally wounded, ensuring no further loss of life
- Genesis of the measure

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Shortly after joining the Oregon State Police and celebrating his 24th birthday, Trooper Ralph D. Bates pulled over a motor vehicle on Highway 30 and was fired upon by the vehicle's driver. Despite being mortally wounded by the gunfire, he managed to record the license number of his assailant's vehicle, which led to the successful capture of Edward W. Sheckler with no additional loss of life.

Oregon State Police Trooper Ralph D. Bates was born on September 26, 1938, in Long Beach, California, to Albert B. and Peggy M. Bates. He graduated from Medford High School in 1956 and bravely served his country in the United States Navy from 1956 to 1959. He was survived by his parents, two brothers, sister, and several nieces and nephews.

House Concurrent Resolution 207 recognizes and honors Oregon State Police Trooper Ralph D. Bates for his service to this state.