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House Concurrent Resolution 203

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Whereas Deputy Thomas Robert Farrell was born on May 4, 1939, in Springfield, Missouri, to James and Mildred Farrell and had six siblings; and

Whereas in 1957 Deputy Farrell graduated from Central High School in Springfield, Missouri; and

Whereas Deputy Farrell married Cathleen "Kay" A. Gauthier on June 13, 1959, and together they had four children: Tammy Hulburt, Thomas R. Farrell II, Theresa Upton and Tracy Mellin; and

Whereas Deputy Farrell began his career of public service by serving his country for two years in the United States Navy Reserve; and

Whereas Deputy Farrell served in the United States Air Force for 20 years, being stationed in Mississippi, Pennsylvania, Maine, Oregon and Japan, with assignments in Korea, Vietnam and Thailand; and

Whereas Deputy Farrell worked as a bartender, log truck driver and rural carrier for the United States Postal Service before he began his work in law enforcement; and

Whereas Deputy Farrell began his law enforcement career as a Tillamook County Sheriff's Office reserve deputy in September 1978 and served in that role until January 1984; and

Whereas Deputy Farrell furthered his career in law enforcement as a Tillamook County 9-1-1 dispatcher from June 1979 to January 1984; and

Whereas Deputy Farrell became a deputy sheriff with the Tillamook County Sheriff's Office on January 9, 1984; and

Whereas on April 22, 1987, after his 10-hour shift, Deputy Farrell was called upon by his deputy trainee to assist with freeing a vehicle that had overturned in the surf on the beach in Tierra Del Mar, where Deputy Farrell suffered a fatal heart attack; and

Whereas Deputy Farrell was only 47 years old at the time of his death; and

Whereas Deputy Farrell loved to hunt and was passionate about fly fishing, enjoying tying his own flies; and

Whereas Deputy Farrell was a caretaker for a 400-acre farm, where he raised beef cattle and baled hay every summer; and

Whereas Deputy Farrell loved spending time with his family and friends, especially his grandchildren; and

Whereas Deputy Farrell 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; and

Whereas Deputy Farrell had a strong mind for advice and a stronger soul to help anyone in need; and

Whereas Deputy Farrell died doing what he loved, which was helping others; and

Whereas Deputy Farrell was respected by all and is greatly missed by his family and many friends; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:

That we, the members of the Seventy-ninth Legislative Assembly, recognize and honor Deputy Thomas Robert Farrell for his service to this state.

Adopted by House February 16, 2018

Timothy G. Sekerak, Chief Clerk of House

Tina Kotek, Speaker of House

Adopted by Senate February 28, 2018

Peter Courtney, President of Senate