CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

NOTE: Matter in boldfaced type in an amended section is new; matter [italic and bracketed] is existing law to be omitted.
New sections are in boldfaced type.
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.