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# House Concurrent Resolution 204

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Whereas Deputy Gil Catalino Datan was born on July 29, 1971, in Salinas, California, to Gil T. and Colleen Datan and had one sibling, his sister Michelle; and

Whereas Deputy Datan had two daughters, Cheyenne Kahealani Datan, who was 15 at the time of her father's death, and Jada Marie Sharp, who was 8 at the time of her father's death; and

Whereas Deputy Datan graduated from Bishop High School in California and broke state records in the shot put and discus; and

Whereas before Deputy Datan's law enforcement career, he worked as a security guard, emergency medical technician and volunteer firefighter; and

Whereas Deputy Datan served in law enforcement for 19 years; and

Whereas Deputy Datan joined the Coos County Sheriff's Office on December 20, 2009, and served as a deputy sheriff for five years; and

Whereas Deputy Datan had previously served with the Myrtle Point Police Department, North Bend Police Department, Confederated Tribes Police Department and Reedsport Police Department; and

Whereas during Deputy Datan's time in law enforcement, he had numerous special assignments, including the K-9 Team, South Coast Interagency Narcotics Team (SCINT), Accident Response Team, Emergency Response Team and Homicide Investigation Team; and

Whereas Deputy Datan taught defensive tactics and other classes at the Oregon Public Safety Academy and was also an instructor in cardiopulmonary resuscitation; and

Whereas Deputy Datan was instrumental in several major cases during his career; and

Whereas Deputy Datan was the first officer on the scene of the LaQuinta Smith murder in North Bend in 1999, and his quick actions prevented the loss of valuable evidence that was later used in the successful prosecution of Alby Smith for murder and arson; and

Whereas while working as a detective with SCINT, Deputy Datan was able to establish a conversation by cell phone and text message with suspect Miguel Iniguez within hours of a homicide at the North Bend Community Center and, posing as a friend of an acquaintance of Iniguez, Deputy Datan was able to reach an agreement to meet with Iniguez in Coos Bay; and

Whereas the conversations with Deputy Datan kept Iniguez in the area of the Coos Bay Walmart, where Iniguez was subsequently spotted and arrested by other officers working the case; and

Whereas Deputy Datan was killed on April 20, 2015, in an all-terrain vehicle crash while patrolling timber lands near Coos Bay; and

Whereas Deputy Datan poured his heart and soul into law enforcement; and

Whereas Deputy Datan was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for his work in the Alby Smith case; and

Whereas Deputy Datan enjoyed riding all-terrain vehicles, target shooting, lake fishing, photography, camping, dancing, coaching his daughter Cheyenne's softball team and spending time with his family; and

Whereas Deputy Datan is greatly missed by his many friends and family; 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 Gil Catalino Datan for his service to this state.

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Adopted by House February 16, 2018

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Timothy G. Sekerak, Chief Clerk of House

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Tina Kotek, Speaker of House

Adopted by Senate February 28, 2018

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Peter Courtney, President of Senate