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House Concurrent Resolution 207

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Whereas Oregon State Police Trooper Ralph D. Bates was born on September 26, 1938, in Long Beach, California, to Albert B. and Peggy M. Bates; and

Whereas Trooper Bates graduated from Medford High School in 1956; and

Whereas Trooper Bates served his country in the United States Navy from 1956 to 1959; and

Whereas Trooper Bates worked in a lumber mill in Medford before joining the Oregon State Police in May 1962; and

Whereas on November 8, 1962, Trooper Bates was assigned to patrol duty out of the Arlington Patrol Office; and

Whereas on that evening, after Trooper Bates pulled over a motor vehicle on Highway 30, he was fired upon by the vehicle's driver; and

Whereas although Trooper Bates was mortally wounded by the gunfire, he had been able to record the license number of his assailant's vehicle; and

Whereas Trooper Bates' information led to the successful capture of Edward W. Sheckler several hours later with no additional loss of life; and

Whereas Trooper Bates had recently celebrated his 24th birthday and had been a member of the Oregon State Police for less than a year when he died; and

Whereas six members of the Oregon State Police served as casket bearers at Trooper Bates' funeral; and

Whereas Trooper Bates was survived by his parents, two brothers, a sister and several nieces and nephews; 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 Trooper Ralph D. Bates for his service to this state.

Adopted by House February 14, 2018

Timothy G. Sekerak, Chief Clerk of House

Tina Kotek, Speaker of House

Adopted by Senate February 28, 2018

Peter Courtney, President of Senate