House Concurrent Resolution 207

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure as introduced.

Recognizes and honors Oregon State Police Trooper Ralph D. Bates (1938-1962) for his service to this state.

1	CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	Whereas Oregon State Police Trooper Ralph D. Bates was born on September 26, 1938, in Long
3	Beach, California, to Albert B. and Peggy M. Bates; and
4	Whereas Trooper Bates graduated from Medford High School in 1956; and
5	Whereas Trooper Bates served his country in the United States Navy from 1956 to 1959; and
6	Whereas Trooper Bates worked in a lumber mill in Medford before joining the Oregon State
7	Police in May 1962; and
8	Whereas on November 8, 1962, Trooper Bates was assigned to patrol duty out of the Arlington
9	Patrol Office; and
10	Whereas on that evening, after Trooper Bates pulled over a motor vehicle on Highway 30, he
11	was fired upon by the vehicle's driver; and
12	Whereas although Trooper Bates was mortally wounded by the gunfire, he had been able to re-
13	cord the license number of his assailant's vehicle; and
14	Whereas Trooper Bates' information led to the successful capture of Edward W. Sheckler se-
15	veral hours later with no additional loss of life; and
16	Whereas Trooper Bates had recently celebrated his 24th birthday and had been a member of the
17	Oregon State Police for less than a year when he died; and
18	Whereas six members of the Oregon State Police served as casket bearers at Trooper Bates
19	funeral; and
20	Whereas Trooper Bates was survived by his parents, two brothers, a sister and several nieces
21	and nephews; now, therefore,
22	Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:
23	That we, the members of the Seventy-ninth Legislative Assembly, recognize and honor Trooper

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Ralph D. Bates for his service to this state.