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House Concurrent Resolution 209

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Whereas Lance Corporal Bryan Pahl Bertrand was born on August 12, 1978, in Coos Bay, Oregon, to Bruce and Patricia Bertrand, and had two sisters, Rebecca and Tara; and

Whereas Lance Corporal Bertrand graduated from Marshfield High School in Coos Bay, where he excelled at sports and was an all-state linebacker on the football team; and

Whereas Lance Corporal Bertrand attended the College of the Redwoods before joining the United States Marine Corps in 1998; and

Whereas Lance Corporal Bertrand, who loved sports, was drawn to the physical challenges, teamwork and camaraderie of the Marine Corps; and

Whereas after graduating from basic training, Lance Corporal Bertrand attended Marine Combat Training at Camp Pendleton, California, and was then transferred to Naval Air Station Pensacola, Florida, for screening and qualification for navigation training; and

Whereas Lance Corporal Bertrand graduated from Marine Aerial Navigation School at Randolph Air Force Base in Texas and received further training in North Carolina and Maine; and

Whereas Lance Corporal Bertrand was transferred to Miramar, California, where he joined Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 352 (VMGR-352), nicknamed the "Raiders," and in 2001 he navigated a C-130 transport plane on a flight around the world; and

Whereas within weeks of September 11, 2001, Lance Corporal Bertrand was deployed to the Middle East, where he flew missions delivering supplies between Pakistan, Bahrain and Afghanistan; and

Whereas Lance Corporal Bertrand and six other Marines died on January 9, 2002, when their KC-130 crashed near Shamsi Airfield in Pakistan; and

Whereas Lance Corporal Bertrand was Oregon's first military death in the war against terrorism; and

Whereas thousands, including high-ranking United States military and government officials, attended a memorial ceremony honoring Lance Corporal Bertrand and his fellow crew members; and

Whereas flags flew at half-staff in Coos Bay as the community mourned the death of Lance Corporal Bertrand; and

Whereas Lance Corporal Bertrand was a proud Marine of whom Gunnery Sergeant Randolph Richter said: "He set goals and had a passion for teamwork and he always placed a team result above any personal achievement. He could always be found surrounded by others ready to engage in whatever had to be done with enthusiasm"; and

Whereas Lance Corporal Bertrand is greatly missed by his many friends and his 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 Lance Corporal Bryan Pahl Bertrand for his service to his country.

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