

House Concurrent Resolution 209

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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 Lance Corporal Bryan Pahl Bertrand (1978-2002) for his service to his country.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1
2 Whereas Lance Corporal Bryan Pahl Bertrand was born on August 12, 1978, in Coos Bay,
3 Oregon, to Bruce and Patricia Bertrand, and had two sisters, Rebecca and Tara; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

1 in whatever had to be done with enthusiasm"; and

2 Whereas Lance Corporal Bertrand is greatly missed by his many friends and his family; now,
3 therefore,

4 **Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:**

5 That we, the members of the Seventy-ninth Legislative Assembly, recognize and honor Lance
6 Corporal Bryan Pahl Bertrand for his service to his country.

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