House Concurrent Resolution 210

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Whereas Ryan Grimaldi was born on August 23, 1986, and grew up in Gresham, Oregon; and
Whereas Ryan Grimaldi began his firefighting career in 2002 as a volunteer Explorer with the Clackamas Fire District while still attending Clackamas High School and later joined Banks Fire District as a volunteer in 2004; and
Whereas Ryan Grimaldi became a member of the Hillsboro Fire Department, where he served for six years as a firefighter and emergency medical technician; and
Whereas Ryan Grimaldi was selected by his peers as the 2015 Hillsboro Firefighter of the Year; and
Whereas Ryan Grimaldi had recently been promoted to engineer and trained to operate fire engines and ladder trucks; and
Whereas Ryan Grimaldi was deployed to Warm Springs in August 2017 to battle a wildfire and also assisted in fighting the Eagle Creek fire in September 2017; and
Whereas Ryan Grimaldi was then deployed to California to assist CAL FIRE in October 2017, for which service he and his crew were presented with the Distinguished Unit Citation by the Hillsboro Fire Department; and
Whereas on November 3, 2017, Ryan Grimaldi was killed by a falling tree while on a hunting trip with a friend and fellow firefighter in Morrow County; and
Whereas members of the Hillsboro Fire Department escorted Ryan Grimaldi’s body home from Heppner, Oregon, and firefighters and other public safety personnel honored that procession on its long journey by lining overpasses and roadsides along the way; and
Whereas Ryan Grimaldi was a large man with a huge smile who has been described by those who knew him as full of life, selfless and caring; and
Whereas Ryan Grimaldi was an active volunteer who was involved with many charitable initiatives, including serving as coordinator of the Hillsboro Fire Department’s Toy and Joy program; and
Whereas in the words of Operation Chief Scott Magers, Ryan Grimaldi was “an outstanding firefighter and member of the Hillsboro Fire Department family” who “served the department and the community well”; and
Whereas Ryan Grimaldi is greatly missed by his family, friends and community; 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 Ryan Grimaldi for his service to this state.