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Senate Concurrent Resolution 204

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Whereas Sergeant Sean Patrick Fennerty was born on July 2, 1981, in San Diego, California, while his father was on active duty in the United States Navy; and

Whereas the Fennerty family moved to Tucson, Arizona, where Sergeant Fennerty attended Fruchthendler Elementary School and St. Cyril School; and

Whereas Sergeant Fennerty remained close to his childhood friends in Tucson, and his time in San Diego and Tucson made him a lifelong fan of the San Diego Padres, San Diego Chargers and University of Arizona athletics, especially the basketball team; and

Whereas the Fennerty family moved to Portland, Oregon, where Sergeant Fennerty attended St. Thomas More Catholic School for eighth grade and graduated from Jesuit High School in 1999; and

Whereas in 2004, Sergeant Fennerty graduated from Oregon State University, where he majored in history, was a supervisor in the intramural sports program and was a member of the Sigma Pi fraternity; and

Whereas Sergeant Fennerty was a fan of Oregon State University athletics, especially the football team, and he ended every electronic mail message from Iraq with "Go Beavers!"; and

Whereas Sergeant Fennerty joined the United States Army in 2004 and, although he was steered toward Officer Candidate School, he chose to become an enlisted infantry soldier; and

Whereas Sergeant Fennerty was deployed to Iraq with the 509th Infantry (Airborne), 4th Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division; and

Whereas Sergeant Fennerty was killed on January 20, 2007, in Anbar Province, while riding in a military vehicle that was struck by a roadside explosive device; and

Whereas Sergeant Fennerty was posthumously awarded a Purple Heart and Bronze Star; and

Whereas Sergeant Fennerty was known for his fierce loyalty and pride in his country, his fellow soldiers, the schools he attended, his friends and family, his Irish heritage and his Catholic faith; and

Whereas Sergeant Fennerty loved children and volunteered with the Police Activities League in Portland; and

Whereas Sergeant Fennerty enjoyed skiing, fishing, reading and spending time with friends and family; and

Whereas Sergeant Fennerty hoped to become a high school history teacher after his military service; and

Whereas Sergeant Fennerty will be remembered for his hearty laugh, huge bear hugs and fantastic grin; and

Whereas Sergeant Fennerty was survived by his parents, Dr. M. Brian and Maureen Fennerty, and siblings, Kelly, Colleen and Conor Fennerty; and

Whereas Chief Warrant Officer 3 Jonathan Shelby Gibson was born on February 15, 1981, in Fairbanks, Alaska; and

Whereas Chief Warrant Officer 3 Gibson lived in many places due to his father's military career, including Alaska, Kentucky and Germany; and

Whereas Chief Warrant Officer 3 Gibson loved baseball and played on his school teams; and

Whereas Chief Warrant Officer 3 Gibson graduated from Central Hardin High School in Kentucky in 1999; and

Whereas Chief Warrant Officer 3 Gibson visited Oregon many times while growing up, staying on his grandparents' farm in Aurora and, following his high school graduation, he moved there to live with his father; and

Whereas Chief Warrant Officer 3 Gibson enlisted in the United States Navy in 1999 and spent the following nine years at Naval Air Station North Island in San Diego, California, where he served as a rescue swimmer and an air warfare specialist; and

Whereas Chief Warrant Officer 3 Gibson also served as a helicopter crew chief and completed two sea deployments, serving primarily in the Middle East; and

Whereas in 2008, Chief Warrant Officer 3 Gibson applied to flight school, which he attended from 2009 to 2011 in Pensacola, Florida; and

Whereas in 2011, Chief Warrant Officer 3 Gibson returned to San Diego as a pilot and was assigned to Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron SIX, nicknamed the "Screamin' Indians"; and

Whereas in February 2013, Chief Warrant Officer 3 Gibson and his squadron were deployed to the Middle East in support of Operation Enduring Freedom; and

Whereas Chief Warrant Officer 3 Gibson was killed on September 22, 2013, when his helicopter crashed while trying to land aboard the USS *William P. Lawrence* in heavy seas; and

Whereas Chief Warrant Officer 3 Gibson was a proud naval aviator who earned numerous achievement and commendation medals and awards during his exemplary career; and

Whereas Chief Warrant Officer 3 Gibson completed a college degree while serving in the Navy; and

Whereas Chief Warrant Officer 3 Gibson hoped to become a flight instructor in the Navy and to become an aeronautical engineer after his retirement from the Navy; and

Whereas Chief Warrant Officer 3 Gibson enjoyed surfing, golfing, mountain biking, motorcycles and playing with his children; and

Whereas Chief Warrant Officer 3 Gibson was known for his strong sense of duty and as a kind, loving and generous man who was devoted to his family; and

Whereas Chief Warrant Officer 3 Gibson was survived by his wife, Christina Gibson, children, Makaylin and Alexander Gibson, father and stepmother, Scott and Kelly Gibson, mother and stepfather, Jo Ann and Mike Lake, and brother, Sergeant First Class James Gibson; 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 Sergeant Sean Patrick Fennerty and Chief Warrant Officer 3 Jonathan Shelby Gibson for their service to their country.

Adopted by Senate February 15, 2018

Lori L. Brocker, Secretary of Senate

Peter Courtney, President of Senate

Adopted by House March 2, 2018

Tina Kotek, Speaker of House