

A-Engrossed
Senate Concurrent Resolution 204

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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.

Recognizes and honors [*for his service to his*] **Sergeant Sean Patrick Fennerty and Chief Warrant Officer 3 Jonathan Shelby Gibson for their service to their** country.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1
2 Whereas Sergeant Sean Patrick Fennerty was born on July 2, 1981, in San Diego, California,
3 while his father was on active duty in the United States Navy; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

5 Whereas Sergeant Fennerty will be remembered for his hearty laugh, huge bear hugs and fan-
6 tastic grin; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

42 Whereas Chief Warrant Officer 3 Gibson was survived by his wife, Christina Gibson, children,
43 Makaylin and Alexander Gibson, father and stepmother, Scott and Kelly Gibson, mother and
44 stepfather, Jo Ann and Mike Lake, and brother, Sergeant First Class James Gibson; now, therefore,

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

1 That we, the members of the Seventy-ninth Legislative Assembly, recognize and honor Sergeant
2 Sean Patrick Fennerty and Chief Warrant Officer 3 Jonathan Shelby Gibson for their service to
3 their country.

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