

SCR 20 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Olsen

Senate Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

Action Date: 03/20/19

Action: Be adopted.

Vote: 4-0-0-0

Yeas: 4 - Boquist, Monnes Anderson, Olsen, President Courtney

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 3/20

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Recognizes the USS *McGinty*.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- History of USS *McGinty*
- Wartime service and long life as a training vessel for reservists
- Crew members, trainees, and their families

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The USS *McGinty* was a destroyer escort of the *John C. Butler* class commissioned in 1944, crewed by 14 officers and 201 enlisted personnel. She deployed on several major assignments during World War II and earned three battle stars for her service during the Korean War. She was decommissioned in 1959 and assigned to Reserve Escort Division 13 at the Swan Island Naval Reserve Center in Portland, manned by a Navy Reserve crew that included many Oregonians. Her mission was to train naval reservists to maintain operational and combat readiness. In 1961 she mobilized under presidential order and sailed to Hawaii as flagship for Escort Squadron 7 of the Seventh Fleet. During this deployment, the USS *McGinty* sailed to Vietnam to train personnel of the Republic of Vietnam in Saigon and on the Mekong River. She returned to Portland in 1962 and continued to train reservists until 1968, while also responding to natural disasters, including a severe flood in 1964 that affected much of Oregon and northern California.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 20 recognizes the service of the USS *McGinty* and her crew.