

HCR 30 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Meek

House Committee On Rules

Action Date: 04/22/19

Action: Be adopted with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 6-0-1-0

Yeas: 6 - Boles, Holvey, Nosse, Smith Warner, Sprenger, Wilson

Exc: 1 - Williamson

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 4/22

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Recognizes and honors Ricky John Best and expresses gratitude for his selfless heroism.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Life and military service of Ricky John Best
- Anecdotes from colleagues
- Bravery and compassion for others
- May 26, 2017 conflict aboard a MAX train

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Ricky John Best was a courageous Oregonian. He served his country in the United States Army for 23 years, including deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan. After retiring from military service, Mr. Best looked for opportunities to serve closer to home, gaining employment with the City of Portland and running for a seat on the Clackamas County Commission. On May 26, 2017, Mr. Best served all of humanity. Without regard for his own personal safety, he took a stand against hate and intervened to protect two young MAX riders who were being harassed because of their heritage. This act of kindness and bravery cost him his life.

Mr. Best was a devoted and loving husband and father, who is survived by his wife, Myhanh, his daughter Tramanh, and his three sons Erik, Isaac, and David. House Concurrent Resolution 30 A honors Ricky John Best, and expresses gratitude for his selfless heroism on behalf of all Oregonians.