

HCR 13 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**Carrier:** Sen. Thatcher**Senate Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness****Action Date:** 05/01/19**Action:** Be adopted.**Vote:** 3-0-1-0**Yeas:** 3 - Monnes Anderson, Olsen, President Courtney**Exc:** 1 - Boquist**Fiscal:** No fiscal impact**Revenue:** No revenue impact**Prepared By:** C. Ross, Counsel**Meeting Dates:** 5/1**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Recognizes and honors Private First Class Ryan Jeffrey Hill (1986-2007) for his service to his country.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Life, service, and sacrifice of Pfc. Hill

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Private First Class Ryan Jeffrey Hill was born in Portland on April 26, 1986, but grew up in Keizer. He attended Community Baptist Church, worked at Albertsons grocery store and was very involved in the community. He attended McNary High School in Keizer, graduated from the Oregon National Guard Youth Challenge Program in Bend, was an entrepreneur, and was a member of International Leadership Development (ILD Global). The war in Iraq was very personal to Pfc. Hill. He felt called to join the military to protect his friends and family. He enlisted in the United States Army in July 2005 and completed basic combat training and advanced individual training at Fort Benning, Georgia. He deployed to Iraq in July 2006 with Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry Regiment, known as the "Blue Spaders." He loved to have fun and had a great sense of humor but was known for his big heart and protective nature. He had a keen sense of responsibility and duty, and viewed his primary purpose in Iraq as looking out for his fellow soldiers. When he arrived in Iraq, Pfc. Hill told his mother Shawna: "If I come home, God has more for me to do, and if I don't, I've finished my job." Charlie Company sustained heavy losses and the unit was later recognized for the extraordinary heroism and dedication exhibited by its personnel while deployed in an extremely dangerous area of Iraq. Pfc. Hill was described by his commanding officer as an "informal leader" of his company. He was killed in action on January 20, 2007, when an improvised explosive device was command-wire detonated near his vehicle. Pfc. Hill's medals and decorations include the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Combat Infantryman Badge, Army Good Conduct Medal, expert marksmanship badge, driver badge, Meritorious Unit Commendation and Presidential Unit Citation. He was laid to rest at Willamette National Cemetery, and on November 8, 2013, Keizer dedicated the Pfc. Ryan J. Hill Memorial Park as a lasting tribute in his name. He is deeply missed by his family and friends.

House Concurrent Resolution 13 recognizes and honors Private First Class Ryan Jeffrey Hill for his service and sacrifice.