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House Concurrent Resolution 13

Sponsored by Representatives POST, FAHEY; Senator THATCHER

Whereas Private First Class Ryan Jeffrey Hill was born in Portland, Oregon, on April 26, 1986; and

Whereas Private First Class Hill moved to Keizer, Oregon, at the age of one year with his mother, Shawna; and

Whereas Private First Class Hill was a proud Keizer resident who attended Community Baptist Church, worked at Albertsons grocery store and was very involved in the community; and

Whereas Private First Class Hill attended McNary High School in Keizer and was a graduate of the Oregon National Guard Youth Challenge Program in Bend, Oregon; and

Whereas Private First Class Hill was an entrepreneur and a member of International Leadership Development (ILD Global); and

Whereas the war in Iraq was very personal to Private First Class Hill and he felt called to join the military to protect his friends and family; and

Whereas Private First Class Hill enlisted in the United States Army in July 2005 and completed basic combat training and advanced individual training at Fort Benning, Georgia; and

Whereas Private First Class Hill was deployed to Iraq in July 2006 with Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry Regiment, known as the "Blue Spaders"; and

Whereas when he arrived in Iraq, Private First Class Hill told his mother, "If I come home, God has more for me to do, and if I don't, I've finished my job"; and

Whereas Charlie Company sustained heavy losses and its personnel exhibited extraordinary heroism and dedication while deployed in an extremely dangerous sector of Iraq; and

Whereas Private First Class Hill loved to have fun and had a great sense of humor, but being a soldier was the ultimate honor to him and he had a keen sense of responsibility and duty; and

Whereas Private First Class Hill was known for his big heart and protective nature, and he viewed his primary job in Iraq as looking out for his fellow soldiers; and

Whereas Private First Class Hill was described by his commanding officer as an "informal leader" of his company; and

Whereas Private First Class Hill was killed in action on January 20, 2007, when an improvised explosive device was command-wire detonated near his vehicle; and

Whereas Private First Class 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; and

Whereas Private First Class Hill was laid to rest at Willamette National Cemetery; and

Whereas in a ceremony held on November 8, 2013, Pfc. Ryan J. Hill Memorial Park in Keizer was dedicated in lasting tribute to this valiant soldier; and

Whereas Private First Class Hill is greatly missed by his family and friends and all those whose lives are better because of him; now, therefore,

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

That we, the members of the Eightieth Legislative Assembly, recognize and honor Private First Class Ryan Jeffrey Hill for his service to his country.

Adopted by House March 19, 2019

Timothy G. Sekerak, Chief Clerk of House

Tina Kotek, Speaker of House

Adopted by Senate May 21, 2019

Peter Courtney, President of Senate