House Concurrent Resolution 13
Sponsored by Representatives POST, FAHEY

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 as introduced.

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

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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 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

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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.