

House Concurrent Resolution 13

Sponsored by Representatives POST, FAHEY

SUMMARY

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

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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2 Whereas Private First Class Ryan Jeffrey Hill was born in Portland, Oregon, on April 26, 1986;
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4 Whereas Private First Class Hill moved to Keizer, Oregon, at the age of one year with his
5 mother, Shawna; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

30 Whereas Private First Class Hill's medals and decorations include the Bronze Star, Purple
31 Heart, Combat Infantryman Badge, Army Good Conduct Medal, expert marksmanship badge, driver

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1 badge, Meritorious Unit Commendation and Presidential Unit Citation; and

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

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

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

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

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

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