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House Concurrent Resolution 24

Sponsored by Representative MARSH, Senator GOLDEN

Whereas Officer Malcus Williams II was born on August 14, 1966, in Eugene, Oregon, to Mary and Malcus Williams; and

Whereas Officer Williams grew up in Eugene with his three sisters, Annette, Cindy and Amy; and

Whereas in 1985, Officer Williams graduated from Willamette High School in Eugene, where he starred on the football field; and

Whereas Officer Williams attended Southern Oregon State College (now Southern Oregon University), in Ashland, Oregon, where he played on the football team and met his future wife, Ona; and

Whereas Officer Williams and Ona were married in 1990, and together they raised three daughters, Savannah, Georgia and Brooklyn; and

Whereas Officer Williams began his law enforcement career as a reserve officer with the Ashland Police Department (APD) in 1994, and he was sworn in as a full-time officer with the APD in 1996; and

Whereas Officer Williams served in the APD for 21 years, and he was always willing to step in where help was needed, whether it was as a school resource officer, firearms instructor, acting sergeant or patrol officer; and

Whereas when not wearing his uniform, Officer Williams was an active volunteer, a tireless coach for many youth sports teams and a legendary disc jockey at Ashland Middle School graduation dances; and

Whereas Officer Williams was a loving and dedicated family man who rarely missed an activity his daughters participated in, and he could be seen all over Ashland at their softball, basketball and volleyball games, cross country meets, talent shows, band and choir concerts or theater productions; and

Whereas Officer Williams was a large man with a commanding presence, but he was renowned for his gentle demeanor, compassion and kindness; and

Whereas in 2008, Officer Williams completed his bachelor's degree at Southern Oregon University while continuing to work full-time as a police officer; and

Whereas Officer Williams loved sports, especially football, which was a passion he shared with his wife, and his other hobbies included building custom speakers and any activity related to *Star Trek*; and

Whereas Officer Williams was an outstanding police officer with a keen sense of responsibility and duty, and he cared deeply about making his community a better and safer place; and

Whereas APD Chief Tighe O'Meara said of Officer Williams that he was "that rare police officer that is universally liked" and that there is "not a person in the City of Ashland or Jackson County that has anything bad to say about Malcus"; and

Whereas Officer Williams said that "all people, no matter their station in life, deserve to be treated with dignity," and he lived up to those words every day in his personal life and police work; and

Whereas Officer Williams died in the line of duty on March 2, 2018, while responding to a call; and

Whereas Officer Williams was posthumously awarded the State of Oregon's Law Enforcement Medal of Ultimate Sacrifice; and

Whereas Officer Williams was honored with a motorcade of public safety vehicles from around the state that passed through streets lined with members of the community paying their respects, followed by a celebration of life that filled the gymnasium at Ashland High School; and

Whereas Officer Williams is survived by his wife, three daughters and two sisters; and

Whereas Officer Williams touched the lives of many, and he is greatly missed by his family, friends, colleagues and community; 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 Officer Malcus Williams II for his service to this state.

Adopted by House May 14, 2019

Timothy G. Sekerak, Chief Clerk of House

Tina Kotek, Speaker of House

Adopted by Senate June 10, 2019

Peter Courtney, President of Senate