

# House Concurrent Resolution 4

Sponsored by Representative LEWIS; Representative POST (Pre-session filed.)

## SUMMARY

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Recognizes and honors Specialist Nikolaus Gregory Gossack (1987-2010) for his service to his country.

## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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2 Whereas Specialist Nikolaus Gregory Gossack was born in Salem, Oregon, on January 4, 1987;  
3 and

4 Whereas Specialist Gossack grew up in Silverton, Oregon, after his family moved there in 1995,  
5 and he participated in many activities, including Cub Scouts and Little League baseball; and

6 Whereas Specialist Gossack was deeply affected by the 9/11 attacks, which occurred when he  
7 was a high school freshman, and afterward he frequently mentioned his desire to join the military;  
8 and

9 Whereas Specialist Gossack graduated in 2005 from Silverton High School, where he was an  
10 avid soccer player; and

11 Whereas for two years following graduation, Specialist Gossack owned and operated a retail  
12 nursery business while attending Chemeketa Community College, but he came to realize that mili-  
13 tary service was his true calling; and

14 Whereas Specialist Gossack enlisted in the United States Army in 2007, choosing to serve in the  
15 infantry because he wanted to defend the country he loved and to fight those who had attacked it;  
16 and

17 Whereas Specialist Gossack was deployed to Iraq in 2008 with Bravo Company, 1st Battalion,  
18 12th Cavalry Regiment; and

19 Whereas Specialist Gossack was at his best as a driver of armored personnel carriers, making  
20 sure his fellow soldiers had backup support and a way out of danger; and

21 Whereas Specialist Gossack returned from Iraq in 2009 and was actively training for a second  
22 deployment when he was killed in an accident at Fort Hood, Texas, on June 20, 2010; and

23 Whereas Specialist Gossack received the following medals and decorations: Army Commendation  
24 Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism  
25 Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Overseas Service Ribbon and Army  
26 Service Ribbon; and

27 Whereas Specialist Gossack is honored and remembered at the Freedom Memorial Plaza in  
28 Silverton and the Illuminating Courage Military Memorial in Spokane, Washington; and

29 Whereas Specialist Gossack is survived by his parents, Greg and Shannon Gossack, his sister,  
30 Vanessa Gossack, many other family members and friends and his buddies in Bravo Company; now,  
31 therefore,

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

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

2       That we, the members of the Eightieth Legislative Assembly, recognize and honor Specialist  
3 Nickolaus Gregory Gossack for his service to his country.

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