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Senate Concurrent Resolution 11

Sponsored by Senator JOHNSON; Representative ZIKA (Presession filed.)

Whereas Staff Sergeant Don Anderson was born on March 28, 1925; and

Whereas in 1943 Staff Sergeant Anderson was drafted and began his service in the United States Army Air Forces; and

Whereas following basic training, cadet training and gunnery school, Staff Sergeant Anderson was assigned to his B-17 crew in Lincoln, Nebraska, on June 12, 1944; and

Whereas Staff Sergeant Anderson shipped from New York aboard RMS *Queen Elizabeth* on November 21, 1944, and arrived in Scotland six days later; and

Whereas Staff Sergeant Anderson was assigned to the 614th Bombardment Squadron (Heavy), 401st Bombardment Group, 94th Combat Bombardment Wing (Heavy), 1st Bombardment Division, Eighth Air Force, based in Deenethorpe, England; and

Whereas Staff Sergeant Anderson flew his first combat mission over Gerolstein, Germany, on December 27, 1944, as a member of First Lieutenant Ken Hartsock's crew; and

Whereas Staff Sergeant Anderson went on to fly a total of 22 combat missions over Germany, the last of which was on April 10, 1945; and

Whereas following Germany's surrender on May 8, 1945, Staff Sergeant Anderson and his crew departed England several weeks later; and

Whereas following duty at Nellis Air Force Base in Nevada, Staff Sergeant Anderson was discharged on October 27, 1945, having served 26 months in uniform, including seven months in combat overseas; and

Whereas Staff Sergeant Anderson was awarded numerous medals and commendations for his brave and selfless service, including the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters; and

Whereas the citation for the second Oak Leaf Cluster on Staff Sergeant Anderson's Air Medal praised the "meritorious achievement" and "courage, coolness and skill" shown by bomber crews in operations over Europe; and

Whereas Staff Sergeant Anderson's postwar life took him from Redmond, Oregon, to Sherwood, Oregon, where he worked as a dispatch operator for Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue, then as a public education officer before retiring in 1987; and

Whereas Staff Sergeant Anderson has had an active role in the Oregon chapter of the Eighth Air Force Historical Society and the 401st Bombardment Group (H) Association, of which he was a director; and

Whereas Staff Sergeant Anderson, in the midst of harrowing combat conditions, showed great valor and selfless devotion to duty in defense of our liberties, thus exemplifying the spirit and values of the "greatest generation" to which he belongs; 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 Staff Sergeant Don Anderson for his service to his country.

Adopted by Senate March 12, 2019

Lori L. Brocker, Secretary of Senate

Peter Courtney, President of Senate

Adopted by House May 13, 2019

Tina Kotek, Speaker of House