Senate Concurrent Resolution 3

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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 Radarman 2nd Class Garry Bradbury Hodgson (1937-1969) for his service
to his country.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Whereas Radarman 2nd Class Garry Bradbury Hodgson was born on July 16, 1937, in Chewelah,
Washington, to Jasper and Jean Hodgson; and

Whereas Radarman 2nd Class Hodgson grew up in Gladstone, Oregon, and he attended West
Linn High School; and

Whereas Radarman 2nd Class Hodgson enlisted in the United States Navy, and his sea duty
commenced in March 1960; and

Whereas Radarman 2nd Class Hodgson married Gwendolyn Chambers on January 22, 1966, and
together they raised five children, Alan, Damon, Gari, Mark and Sean; and

Whereas Radarman 2nd Class Hodgson was an excellent radarman with a great sense of humor,
and he was highly regarded by his shipmates, who knew him as “Hodge”; and

Whereas Radarman 2nd Class Hodgson began serving on the destroyer USS Frank E. Evans in
1963; and

Whereas on June 3, 1969, the USS Frank E. Evans, while on a Southeast Asia Treaty Organ-
ization maneuver, was struck by the aircraft carrier HMAS Melbourne; and

Whereas the USS Frank E. Evans was cut in half in the collision and 74 lives were lost, in-
cluding Radarman 2nd Class Hodgson; and

Whereas although it was deployed in support of the Vietnam War effort, the USS Frank E.
Evans was deemed to be operating outside of the designated “combat zone,” therefore none of the
74 crew members who lost their lives in the accident are honored on the Vietnam Veterans Memo-
rial in Washington, D.C.; and

Whereas the USS Frank E. Evans Association has been working to erect memorials to honor
each of the “Lost 74” in communities in their respective home states; and

Whereas American Legion Post 21 in McMinnville, Oregon, was selected as the location for a
memorial in its rose garden to honor Radarman 2nd Class Hodgson and his fellow lost shipmates;
and

Whereas on July 8, 2017, a dedication ceremony for the memorial honoring these 74 brave
sailors was held, which included a gun salute by a color guard; and

Whereas Radarman 2nd Class Hodgson has been honored by Yamhill County and the City of
McMinnville; and

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Whereas Radarman 2nd Class Hodgson was lost at sea, but a headstone memorial honors him in Willamette National Cemetery, and his name appears on the Oregon Vietnam Veterans Memorial; 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 Radarman 2nd Class Garry Bradbury Hodgson for his service to his country; and be it further

Resolved, That we recognize and honor the gallant “Lost 74” of the USS Frank E. Evans who, on June 3, 1969, died in the service of their country and the defense of liberty.

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