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Senate Concurrent Resolution 37

Sponsored by Senators DEMBROW, HANSELL, FREDERICK, Representative SMITH WARNER; Senators BENTZ, BEYER, GELSER, GIROD, HASS, PROZANSKI, ROBLAN, WAGNER, Representatives FAHEY, KENY-GUYER, LEWIS, MITCHELL, NERON, PRUSAK, WILDE, WILLIAMS, WILSON

Whereas on May 17, 2019, the Parkrose High School community in Portland, Oregon, experienced a situation that has become all too familiar in our schools: the threat posed by an armed student; and

Whereas Keanon Lowe, a former star football player at the University of Oregon, is an athletics coach and security guard at Parkrose; and

Whereas Keanon Lowe is an outstanding coach and leader who cares deeply about the community he serves at Parkrose; and

Whereas on May 17, Keanon Lowe's duties at Parkrose led to his being present in a classroom when a student entered carrying a loaded shotgun; and

Whereas Keanon Lowe moved instantly to disarm the student and wrestle him safely to the ground, giving the others in the classroom the opportunity to flee until additional assistance arrived; and

Whereas the disarmed student was taken into custody by police officers; and

Whereas thanks to Keanon Lowe's prompt and decisive actions, the incredibly dangerous situation was ultimately resolved with no injuries or loss of life; and

Whereas Keanon Lowe later said, "I feel like I was put in that room in that very moment for a reason—to protect those kids"; and

Whereas Keanon Lowe was awarded a medal of honor by the Portland Police Bureau for his actions on May 17; and

Whereas Keanon Lowe's extreme courage and complete disregard for his own safety in the face of mortal danger prevented a tragedy; 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 Keanon Lowe for his brave and selfless actions on behalf of the Parkrose High School community.

Adopted by Senate June 18, 2019

Lori L. Brocker, Secretary of Senate

Peter Courtney, President of Senate

Adopted by House June 25, 2019

Tina Kotek, Speaker of House