Senate Concurrent Resolution 37

Sponsored by Senators DEMBROW, HANSELL, FREDERICK, Representative SMITH WARNER; Senators BENTZ, BEYER, GELSER, GIROD, PROZANSKI, ROBLAN, Representative FAHEY

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 Keanon Lowe for his brave and selfless actions at Parkrose High School.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 Whereas on May 17, 2019, the Parkrose High School community in Portland, Oregon, experi-3 enced a situation that has become all too familiar in our schools: the threat posed by an armed 4 student; and

5 Whereas Keanon Lowe, a former star football player at the University of Oregon, is an athletics 6 coach and security guard at Parkrose; and

7 Whereas Keanon Lowe is an outstanding coach and leader who cares deeply about the commu-8 nity he serves at Parkrose; and

9 Whereas on May 17, Keanon Lowe's duties at Parkrose led to his being present in a classroom 10 when a student entered carrying a loaded shotgun; and

11 Whereas Keanon Lowe moved instantly to disarm the student and wrestle him safely to the 12 ground, giving the others in the classroom the opportunity to flee until additional assistance arrived; 13 and

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

15 Whereas thanks to Keanon Lowe's prompt and decisive actions, the incredibly dangerous situ-16 ation 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

19 Whereas Keanon Lowe was awarded a medal of honor by the Portland Police Bureau for his 20 actions on May 17; and

21 Whereas Keanon Lowe's extreme courage and complete disregard for his own safety in the face 22 of mortal danger prevented a tragedy; now, therefore,

23 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.

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