



Oregon State Police

Fallen Trooper Memorial

January 24, 2020

Oregon State Legislature
900 Court Street NE
Salem, Oregon 97301

RE: Trooper Dale Courtney Memorial Road Sign

Dale Benjamin Courtney became an Oregon State Police Trooper on June 19, 1950 after spending time as a McMinnville Police Officer and serving in the US Army during World War II. After only a couple of months with OSP, On October 1, 1950, Trooper Courtney was filling in for another Trooper on one of his days off and responded to a report of a car theft where two youths were suspected.

A local farmer in Tigard had noticed two young men on nearby property and advised Trooper Courtney. Trooper Courtney confronted the teenagers with the farmer and was shot, and killed, by one of them with a shotgun. The teenager also shot the farmer and stole Trooper Courtney's vehicle to continue a crime spree that ended with a vehicle crash near Tillamook.

Before his fatal encounter, Trooper Courtney served his country at large and the citizens of Oregon with distinction. Upon his death, he left behind a wife and a daughter, as well as a mother and brother. He was respected and still greatly missed by his family.

Trooper Courtney was laid to rest in McMinnville, Oregon, and is also honored on the Law Enforcement Memorial at the Department of Safety Standards and Training, the National Law Enforcement Memorial in Washington D.C. and the Oregon State Police Fallen Trooper Memorial outside the Public Services Building.

As the President of the Oregon State Police Fallen Trooper Memorial board of directors, I would encourage you to support the resolution to recognize and honor Trooper Dale Courtney for his service to this state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Travis Neubauer".

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