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SUMMARY

In memoriam: Patrick James Simpson, 1940-2019.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Whereas Patrick James Simpson was born on August 3, 1940, in Ashland, Oregon, along with his identical twin brother, Donald Alexander Simpson, to Alexander I. Simpson and Patricia Whitney Simpson; and

Whereas Patrick Simpson graduated from Ashland High School in 1958 and the University of Oregon in 1962; and

Whereas Patrick Simpson and his brother participated in the Reserve Officers' Training Corps and were commissioned in the United States Army in 1962 as infantry officers; and

Whereas in July 1966, Patrick Simpson was assigned to the 1st Cavalry (Airmobile) Division in the Republic of Vietnam, where he served for five months on the division staff before assuming command of C Company, 2nd Battalion, 12th Cavalry, for nearly seven months until completion of his tour of duty in July 1967; and

Whereas after serving at Fort Polk, Louisiana, Patrick Simpson returned for a second tour of duty in Vietnam in October 1968 with the Americal Division, where he served as an assistant battalion operations officer and on the division staff; and

Whereas after earning a master's degree at Indiana University, Patrick Simpson served as a physical education instructor at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York, from 1974 to 1977, where he taught boxing and, in 1976, was involved in the integration of women into the Corps

of Cadets; and

Whereas Patrick Simpson retired from the Army in November 1988 with the rank of lieutenant colonel after 26 years of distinguished service; and

Whereas Patrick Simpson earned numerous medals and commendations, including the Silver Star, Legion of Merit, four Bronze Stars (two for valor and two for meritorious service), Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal, two Army Commendation Medals, Air Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge, Expert Infantryman Badge, Ranger Tab and Parachutist Badge; and

Whereas following his retirement from the Army, Patrick Simpson and his family moved to Eugene, Oregon, where he spent a year at the University of Oregon updating his teaching credential; and

Whereas Patrick Simpson then began his second career as a popular substitute teacher for 20 years, primarily at Cottage Grove High School; and

Whereas Patrick Simpson was active in the West Coast Airborne Association, the Emerald Empire Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America and the Cottage Grove Elks; and

Whereas in 2016, Patrick Simpson was instrumental in bringing the Moving Wall Vietnam Veterans Memorial to Eugene for four days, an event attended by more than 18,000 veterans and members of the public that raised awareness of post-traumatic stress disorder; and

Whereas Patrick Simpson was active with his graduating class at Ashland High School, and he managed the traditional gift project presented in 2008 at their 50th anniversary, raising more than \$25,000 for a fund managed by the Oregon Community Foundation that provides assistance to disadvantaged students; and

Whereas Patrick Simpson enjoyed spending time with his family, playing cards, competing at fantasy football and canning jams, jellies and his award-winning dill pickles; and

Whereas Patrick Simpson died unexpectedly on July 2, 2019; and

Whereas Patrick Simpson's beloved wife, Helga Susanne Schulz Simpson, passed away on April 18, 2020; and

1 Whereas Patrick Simpson is survived by his daughters, Mary and
2 Kathleen, his son, Alex, his twin brother, Donald, his sister, Alexis, three
3 grandchildren, two nieces and a nephew; and

4 Whereas Patrick Simpson was laid to rest at Willamette National Ceme-
5 tery with full military honors; and

6 Whereas Patrick Simpson lived a remarkable life and served his nation
7 with honor and distinction; now, therefore,

8 **Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:**

9 That we, the members of the Eighty-first Legislative Assembly, celebrate
10 the life of Patrick James Simpson, and we recognize and honor his service
11 to his nation, state and community; and be it further

12 Resolved, That a copy of this resolution shall be presented to the family
13 of Patrick James Simpson as an expression of our sympathy and condolences.