81st OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY--2021 Regular Session

Enrolled

House Concurrent Resolution 4

Sponsored by Representative MORGAN; Representatives LEWIS, MOORE-GREEN, STARK (Presession filed.)

Whereas Oregon State Police Trooper Burrell Milo Baucom was born in Portland, Oregon, on January 2, 1902, to Burrell L. and Genivieve Baucom; and

Whereas Trooper Baucom met Dorothea Diamond at Oregon Agricultural College, and they were married in 1923; and

Whereas Trooper Baucom was hired as a patrol officer by the Oregon State Traffic Division in 1930, and he was assigned to patrol in the area of Medford, Oregon; and

Whereas the Oregon State Police (OSP) was formed the following year, and Trooper Baucom was hired by OSP shortly thereafter; and

Whereas Trooper Baucom was a lieutenant in the National Guard and was the very popular commanding officer of the headquarters company; and

Whereas Trooper Baucom served as a military instructor at a junior high school; and

Whereas on July 1, 1933, Trooper Baucom was patrolling north of Grants Pass, Oregon, and he stopped a motor vehicle that had been reported stolen; and

Whereas when Trooper Baucom approached the stopped vehicle, the teenaged driver shot Baucom multiple times, killing him; and

Whereas the driver and a passenger fled the scene, but they were apprehended after a massive manhunt, and both were subsequently convicted for Trooper Baucom's murder and sentenced to life imprisonment; and

Whereas Trooper Baucom was the second OSP trooper killed in the line of duty; and

Whereas Trooper Baucom was honored with a military funeral and a procession through downtown Medford, with OSP troopers serving as honorary pallbearers; and

Whereas Trooper Baucom was laid to rest in Portland following a family service; and

Whereas Trooper Baucom's loss was deeply felt by his family, his fellow officers and his many friends; and

Whereas Trooper Baucom was a dedicated law enforcement officer who served the people of the State of Oregon with honor and distinction; now, therefore,

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

That we, the members of the Eighty-first Legislative Assembly, recognize and honor Oregon State Police Trooper Burrell Milo Baucom for his service to this state.