House Concurrent Resolution 7
Sponsored by Representative GOMBERG (Presession filed.)

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 Oregon State Police Lieutenant Harold R. Berg (1937-1975) for his service to this state.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
Whereas Oregon State Police Lieutenant Harold R. Berg was born on February 26, 1937, to Harold and Ethyl Berg in Pawnee, Oklahoma; and
Whereas Lieutenant Berg grew up in Pawnee with his sisters, Willa Mae and Carol LaVern, and he graduated from Pawnee High School in 1955; and
Whereas Lieutenant Berg married Sarah Jane Smith, and in 1956 they moved to Prairie City, Oregon; and
Whereas Lieutenant Berg worked for the United States Forest Service and the State Forestry Department; and
Whereas Lieutenant Berg became a member of the Oregon State Police (OSP) in 1960; and
Whereas Lieutenant Berg was promoted to corporal in 1968, and in 1970 he was promoted to sergeant and became District Criminal Investigator for eastern Oregon; and
Whereas Lieutenant Berg’s leadership and ability were again recognized in July 1971, when he was transferred to Salem and became the first commander of the OSP narcotics unit; and
Whereas Lieutenant Berg then became assistant commander of the OSP Criminal Division, and he was promoted to lieutenant in August 1973; and
Whereas during his police career, Lieutenant Berg worked on many major criminal cases and he showed exceptional skill and dedication in his work; and
Whereas when not in uniform, Lieutenant Berg enjoyed building and flying gas-powered model airplanes, participating in soap box derbies with his son, spending time with friends and family, hunting, beachcombing, sightseeing and woodworking; and
Whereas on May 10, 1975, while he was off duty and enjoying a family picnic at Cape Lookout State Park, Lieutenant Berg volunteered in a search and rescue operation for two missing Boy Scouts; and
Whereas while attempting to search a cave near the water’s edge, Lieutenant Berg was washed out to sea by a sneaker wave and he died at the age of 38; and
Whereas the scouts were later found safe away from the shore; and
Whereas two days after Lieutenant Berg’s death, OSP Superintendent Holly V. Holcomb wrote a letter to his family stating: “I have known of no finer person or a more respected police officer within our department. His children can be very proud of their father for even in his last act he was unselfishly attempting to assist others.”; and

NOTE: Matter in boldfaced type in an amended section is new; matter [italic and bracketed] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in boldfaced type.

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Whereas the OSP established the Harold R. Berg Lifesaving Award in his memory; and
Whereas at his End of Watch, Lieutenant Berg was survived by four children, who have since
added 12 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren to his legacy; and
Whereas Lieutenant Berg’s selfless and heroic actions exemplified the spirit and commitment
of the OSP and its credo that an officer is “never off duty”; and
Whereas Lieutenant Berg 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 Lieutenant
Harold R. Berg for his service to this state.