Whereas Specialist Four Larry Gilbert Dahl was born on June 10, 1949, in Oregon City, Oregon; and
WHEREAS Specialist Four Dahl attended elementary school in Oregon City and high school in Seattle, Washington; and
WHEREAS Specialist Four Dahl enlisted in the United States Army in 1969; and
WHEREAS Specialist Four Dahl began his tour of duty in Vietnam on June 18, 1970, and he was assigned to 1st Logistical Command, 27th Transportation Battalion, 8th Transportation Group, 359th Transportation Company; and
WHEREAS Specialist Four Dahl was assigned to the crew of the gun truck “Brutus”; and
WHEREAS on February 23, 1971, two fuel convoys were headed west on National Route 19 when the lead convoy was ambushed by a large enemy force as it crossed over the top of An Khe Pass; and
WHEREAS Brutus and other vehicles of the second convoy were sent forward to assist in defense of the first convoy and during the ensuing battle an enemy soldier tossed a hand grenade into the gun truck; and
WHEREAS Specialist Four Dahl saw the grenade first, called a warning and without hesitation threw himself directly on the grenade to protect his fellow soldiers; and
WHEREAS Specialist Four Dahl was killed by the explosion, which also wounded two other crew members; and
WHEREAS due to the selfless actions of Specialist Four Dahl, the other crew members of Brutus survived the grenade attack; and
WHEREAS Specialist Four Dahl was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor, the nation’s highest military decoration for valor in combat, for his “conspicuous gallantry, extraordinary heroism, and intrepidity at the cost of his life, above and beyond the call of duty”; and
WHEREAS Specialist Four Dahl was laid to rest in Willamette National Cemetery; and
WHEREAS Specialist Four Dahl’s bravery and selfless devotion to his comrades exemplified the spirit and values of the United States Army; 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 Medal of Honor recipient Specialist Four Larry Gilbert Dahl for his extraordinary and selfless heroism in service to his country.
Adopted by House April 28, 2021

Timothy G. Sekerak, Chief Clerk of House

Adopted by Senate June 10, 2021

Peter Courtney, President of Senate