

Senate Concurrent Resolution 2

Sponsored by Senator MANNING JR (Pre-session 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**.

In memoriam: Patrick James Simpson, 1940-2019.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

16 Whereas after earning a master's degree at Indiana University, Patrick Simpson served as a
17 physical education instructor at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York, from 1974 to
18 1977, where he taught boxing and, in 1976, was involved in the integration of women into the Corps
19 of Cadets; and

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

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

26 Whereas following his retirement from the Army, Patrick Simpson and his family moved to
27 Eugene, Oregon, where he spent a year at the University of Oregon updating his teaching creden-
28 tial; and

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

31 Whereas Patrick Simpson was active in the West Coast Airborne Association, the Emerald Em-
32 pire Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America and the Cottage Grove Elks; 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.

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

4 Whereas Patrick Simpson was active with his graduating class at Ashland High School, and he
5 managed the traditional gift project presented in 2008 at their 50th anniversary, raising more than
6 \$25,000 for a fund managed by the Oregon Community Foundation that provides assistance to dis-
7 advantaged students; and

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

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

11 Whereas Patrick Simpson is survived by his wife, Susanne, his daughters, Mary and Kathleen,
12 his son, Alex, his twin brother, Donald, his sister, Alexis, three grandchildren, two nieces and a
13 nephew; and

14 Whereas Patrick Simpson was laid to rest at Willamette National Cemetery with full military
15 honors; and

16 Whereas Patrick Simpson lived a remarkable life and served his nation with honor and dis-
17 tinction; now, therefore,

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

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

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

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