

HCR 13 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Manning Jr

Senate Committee On Rules

Action Date: 03/09/23
Action: Do adopt.
Vote: 4-0-1-0
Yeas: 4 - Hansell, Knopp, Lieber, Manning Jr
Exc: 1 - Steiner
Fiscal: No fiscal impact
Revenue: No revenue impact
Prepared By: Leslie Porter, LPRO Analyst
Meeting Dates: 3/9

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Recognizes and honors Specialist Four Michael Lee Wilkins (1947-1969) for his service to his country.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Specialist Four Wilkins' sacrifice of his dream for the benefit of future generations
- Impacts of preparing for, and being in, front line combat
- Gratitude to combat veterans

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Specialist Four Michael Lee Wilkins was born on January 22, 1947, in Portland, Oregon. He attended Glenfair Elementary School and Reynolds High School.

Specialist Four Wilkins was drafted and entered the United States Army through the Selective Service from Multnomah County, Oregon, and began his tour of duty in Vietnam on August 25, 1968. Specialist Four Wilkins was attached to the 11th Light Infantry Brigade, 3rd Battalion, 1st Infantry, D Company.

On March 29, 1969, near Landing Zone Bronco, Quang Ngai Province, South Vietnam, Specialist Four Wilkins perished from wounds received in a hostile action. He was awarded the Bronze Star, Silver Star, Purple Heart, Combat Infantryman Badge, Marksmanship Badge, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Army Presidential Unit Citation, Vietnamese Gallantry Cross, and Army Good Conduct Medal.

Specialist Four Wilkins served his country with honor and distinction. He was laid to rest in Willamette National Cemetery and is honored on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C.

House Concurrent Resolution 13 recognizes and honors Specialist Four Michael Lee Wilkins for his service to his country.