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Senate Concurrent Resolution 2

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Including Senate Amendments dated February 15

Sponsored by Senators THATCHER, LIEBER, MANNING JR; Senators GIROD, KNOPP, LINTHICUM (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.

Recognizes and honors service members of Oregon National Guard.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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2 Whereas the Oregon Military Department and the Oregon National Guard have worked
3 tirelessly over the past few years, deploying more than 1,900 service members to assist with public
4 safety and the well-being of Oregonians in response to 2020 winter flooding in eastern Oregon, the
5 COVID-19 pandemic, catastrophic 2020 Labor Day wildfires and the 2021 winter ice storm in western
6 Oregon; and

7 Whereas in 2020 and 2021, the Oregon National Guard deployed more than 2,000 citizen airmen
8 and soldiers outside the State of Oregon on missions supporting our nation's interests and security;
9 and

10 Whereas the Oregon National Guard is composed of men and women of all ages with diverse
11 skills and experiences focused on service and adding value to this state and the nation; and

12 Whereas the Oregon National Guard has humbly provided assistance to Oregon's wildfire re-
13 sponse, assisted in traffic control management, staffed county emergency operations centers, sup-
14 ported local law enforcement and the Oregon State Police during fatality searches, provided security
15 assistance to law enforcement agencies, provided call-taking assistance to the Employment Depart-
16 ment and to the 2-1-1 information system and participated in numerous search and rescue missions
17 throughout the Cascade Mountains; and

18 Whereas in response to massive flooding in February 1996, approximately 800 Oregon National
19 Guard members were activated, and they provided crucial disaster relief and emergency management
20 services throughout Oregon, including relocating and securing critical and priority equipment; and

21 Whereas the Oregon National Guard has, in the midst of a worldwide pandemic, done everything
22 possible to protect Oregonians from the SARS-CoV-2 virus, including distributing personal protective
23 equipment, supporting vaccination sites and assembling the Oregon Medical Station; and

24 Whereas the Oregon National Guard gave personnel and medical support to many local hospitals
25 and medical providers in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, helping tens of thousands of
26 Oregonians through the extensive use of publicly owned facilities and working with the public and
27 private sectors to protect our neighbors, friends and relatives; and

28 Whereas it would be impossible to say that Oregon took care of its own without the efforts of

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1 the brave service members of the Oregon National Guard; now, therefore,

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

3 That we, the members of the Eighty-second Legislative Assembly, recognize and honor our
4 exemplary Oregon National Guard service members, who can always be counted on to help
5 Oregonians and who live by the motto: "Always Ready, Always There!"; and be it further

6 Resolved, That a copy of this resolution shall be presented to the leader of the Oregon Military
7 Department and the Oregon National Guard, Major General Michael E. Stencel, the Adjutant Gen-
8 eral.

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