

# DRAFT

## SUMMARY

Digest: Honors the life and memory of Allen Burdic. (Flesch Readability Score: 61.2).

Recognizes and honors Deputy Allen Burdic for his service to this state.

## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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2 Whereas Douglas County Sheriff's Office Deputy Allen Burdic was born  
3 on April 10, 1955, to Raymond and Margene Burdic; and

4 Whereas Deputy Burdic grew up in Myrtle Creek, Oregon, along with his  
5 siblings Perry and Pam; and

6 Whereas Deputy Burdic graduated from South Umpqua High School in  
7 1973; and

8 Whereas Deputy Burdic wanted to be a police officer his entire life, and  
9 he began his law enforcement career with the Canyonville Police Department  
10 in October 1976, where he served for nearly three years before joining the  
11 Douglas County Sheriff's Office in July 1979; and

12 Whereas Deputy Burdic's life was forever changed in the early morning  
13 hours of August 13, 1980, when, after responding to a reported shooting at  
14 the Nutshell Tavern in Myrtle Creek the night before, he encountered the  
15 suspect at a gravel turnout north of the Myrtle Creek Bridge near Interstate  
16 5; and

17 Whereas the suspect fired twice on Deputy Burdic, striking him in the  
18 spine and the abdomen, before stealing his patrol car and running over his  
19 legs while fleeing the scene; and

20 Whereas that encounter left Deputy Burdic with a limp, partial paralysis

1 in one arm and nerve damage so severe from the bullet that impacted his  
2 spine that the pain stayed with him for over forty years, eventually claiming  
3 his life; and

4 Whereas Deputy Burdic medically retired from the Douglas County  
5 Sheriff's Office in 1982; and

6 Whereas Deputy Burdic briefly returned to the Canyonville Police De-  
7 partment, working as a police officer from July 1984 to November 1985; and

8 Whereas in his life after law enforcement, Deputy Burdic was skilled at  
9 woodworking and metalworking, enjoyed working with computers, had a  
10 passion for motorcycles, and fulfilled his dream of owning a Corvette; and

11 Whereas despite suffering unimaginable pain from his injuries for the rest  
12 of his life, Deputy Burdic faced each new day with warmth, kindness and  
13 humor and was a beacon of strength, gentleness and perseverance to all who  
14 were lucky enough to know him; and

15 Whereas Deputy Burdic died on March 11, 2021, due to complications from  
16 the injuries he sustained on that fateful night in 1980; and

17 Whereas Deputy Burdic was a devoted and loving husband to Erlah, fa-  
18 ther to stepdaughter April, grandfather to four grandchildren and great-  
19 grandfather to three great-grandchildren; and

20 Whereas Deputy Burdic was a dedicated law enforcement professional  
21 who served the people of the State of Oregon with honor and integrity; now,  
22 therefore,

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

24 That we, the members of the Eighty-second Legislative Assembly, recog-  
25 nize and honor Deputy Allen Burdic for his service to this state.

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