

Senate Concurrent Resolution 207

Sponsored by Senator WAGNER, Representative RUIZ, Senator GORSEK; Senator JAMA, Representative HUDSON
(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**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: Honors the life and memory of William Lyle Sperb. (Flesch Readability Score: 66.1).
Recognizes and honors Corpsman William Lyle Sperb (1948-1969) for his service to his country.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1
2 Whereas United States Navy Hospital Corpsman William Lyle Sperb was born in Oregon City,
3 Oregon, on August 22, 1948, to Lyle and Inez Sperb; and

4 Whereas Corpsman Sperb was raised in Gresham and attended East Orient Elementary School
5 and Gresham High School; and

6 Whereas Corpsman Sperb served as Gresham High School student body vice president, played
7 baseball on the Gresham High School varsity baseball team and served as president of the Gresham
8 chapter of the Oregon Future Farmers of America; and

9 Whereas Corpsman Sperb enlisted in the United States Navy in October 1966 and proudly served
10 his country in the Vietnam War, where he attained the rank of Petty Officer Second Class/Hospital
11 Corpsman Second Class; and

12 Whereas Corpsman Sperb began his tour of duty on December 24, 1967; and

13 Whereas Corpsman Sperb was attached to 3rd Marine Amphibious Force, 1st Marine Aircraft
14 Wing, Marine Aircraft Group 16, Marine Air Base Squadron 16; and

15 Whereas Corpsman Sperb was in the last month of his first extension in Vietnam when he per-
16 ished in a helicopter crash, along with three others, while on a medevac mission in Quang Nam
17 Province, South Vietnam, on April 14, 1969; and

18 Whereas Corpsman Sperb had flown a record-breaking 803 medevac missions during his time in
19 Vietnam, and announced plans to fly 1,000 missions total; and

20 Whereas Corpsman Sperb was awarded numerous medals and commendations for his wartime
21 service, including the Purple Heart, the Air Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the
22 Vietnam Service Medal and the Vietnam Campaign Medal; and

23 Whereas Corpsman Sperb carried on a proud Sperb tradition of military service that began with
24 his father, Lyle Sperb, a United States Navy Aviation Machinist's Mate Third Class, Petty Officer
25 Third Class, who served in World War II and the Korean War, and continued with Corpsman Sperb
26 and his brothers, United States Air Force Sergeant Stephen Sperb and United States Marine Corps
27 Sergeant Calvin Sperb, who both also served in Vietnam; and

28 Whereas Corpsman Sperb was laid to rest at Willamette National Cemetery in Portland, Oregon;
29 and

30 Whereas Corpsman Sperb was survived by his parents, Lyle and Inez; his sister, Dorothy; his

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 three brothers, Stephen, Calvin and Anthony; and his grandparents, Louis Sperb and Mr. and Mrs.
2 Glenn Makin; and

3 Whereas Corpsman Sperb's selfless devotion to duty exemplified the spirit and values of the
4 United States Navy; now, therefore,

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

6 That we, the members of the Eighty-second Legislative Assembly, celebrate the life of United
7 States Navy Hospital Corpsman William Lyle Sperb, and we recognize and honor his dedication to
8 serving his community, his state and his country.

9
