Senate Concurrent Resolution 213

Sponsored by Senators WEBER, CAMPOS, Representative JAVADI; Senators FINDLEY, FREDERICK, GELSER BLOUIN, GORSEK, HANSELL, MANNING JR, MEEK, SMITH DB, THATCHER, WOODS, Representatives BOICE, BOSHART DAVIS, GOMBERG, GRAYBER, LEVY B, MANNIX, MCLAIN, NELSON, RESCHKE, STOUT, WRIGHT (Presession 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 Ken Leisten. (Flesch Readability Score: 71.8). Recognizes and honors Specialist Ken "Kenny" Leisten (1984-2004) for his service to his country.

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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 Whereas United States Army Specialist Ken "Kenny" Leisten was born in Santa Rosa, 3 California, on July 5, 1984; and

4 Whereas Specialist Leisten moved from San Diego, California, to Washington County, Oregon,

- with his father, Ken Leisten Sr., and stepmother, Lisa LaBlanc, at age seven, and spent the majority
 of his life in Washington County, Oregon; and
- 7 Whereas Specialist Leisten attended Forest Grove High School in Forest Grove, Oregon; and
- 8 Whereas Specialist Leisten chose to become a member of the Oregon National Guard in 9 Corvallis, Oregon, during a time of war, serving with the 2nd Battalion, 162nd Infantry; and

Whereas Specialist Leisten worked full time as a clerk in the maintenance department at Camp
 Rilea in Warrenton, Oregon, ensuring equipment readiness; and

12 Whereas Specialist Leisten volunteered to attend training to reclass to 11B Infantryman for 13 deployment to Operation Iraqi Freedom II; and

14 Whereas Specialist Leisten was awarded an Army Commendation Medal with Valor for main-15 taining radio communication with the Tactical Operations Center during an intense ambush involv-16 ing small arms fire and improvised explosive devices; and

Whereas Specialist Leisten was killed in action on July 28, 2004, when his vehicle struck an improvised explosive device while on combat patrol in Taji, Iraq; and

Whereas Specialist Leisten's loss was felt deeply by his family, his friends and his fellow sol-diers; and

21 Whereas Specialist Leisten was laid to rest at Willamette National Cemetery in Portland, 22 Oregon, on August 9, 2004; and

23 Whereas Specialist Leisten was survived by his father, Ken Sr., his stepmother, Lisa, his 24 grandmother, Trudy Griffin, aunts and uncles Linda and Rich Saffiote, Jenny and Bill Audrain, and 25 Kathy and Allen Leisten and cousins Alex, Angela, Alecia, Adam, Jake and Kelly; and

26 Whereas Specialist Leisten's selfless devotion to duty exemplified the spirit and values of the 27 United States Army; now, therefore,

28 Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:

29 That we, the members of the Eighty-second Legislative Assembly, celebrate the life of United

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- 1 States Army Specialist Ken "Kenny" Leisten, and we recognize and honor his dedication to serving
- 2 his community, his state and his country.

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