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House Concurrent Resolution 29

Sponsored by Representatives HELFRICH, LEWIS; Representatives BOWMAN, OSBORNE, RESCHKE, RUIZ, SANCHEZ, Senators GORSEK, LINTHICUM, MANNING JR, MCLANE, SMITH DB, THATCHER

Whereas David Todd Meyer was born on December 28, 1967, in Ontario, Oregon, to Dick Meyer and Margaret Sigurdson; and

Whereas David Meyer attended elementary school in Fruitland, Idaho, and when the family moved to Ontario in 1976, he attended Cairo Elementary School; and

Whereas David Meyer made lifelong friends during his school years, with whom he shared his hobbies and passions, especially skiing, snowmobiling, hunting and bodybuilding; and

Whereas when he was not enjoying the outdoors with his family and friends, David Meyer helped at the family ranch, working on fences, moving cows and branding; and

Whereas David Meyer graduated from Ontario High School in 1985, and he attended Treasure Valley Community College before graduating from Pacific University in Forest Grove, Oregon; and

Whereas while in college, David Meyer volunteered at a rape crisis center, which fueled his decision to pursue a career in law enforcement; and

Whereas David Meyer was a reserve officer before gaining a position in 1991 with the Portland Police Bureau (PPB) as a patrol officer; and

Whereas David Meyer steadily rose through the ranks of the PPB, and he served in various leadership positions with increasing responsibility; and

Whereas in 2008, David Meyer became part of the PPB's Crisis Negotiation Team, and he joined an effort to partner the PPB with Lines for Life, a local nonprofit organization that answers calls on the national suicide and crisis hotline; and

Whereas through this relationship, David Meyer came to the understanding—rare in law enforcement circles at that time—that while suicidal ideation is one of many considerations used to evaluate risk of homicide, there was not a direct correlation, and that the vast majority of suicidal subjects do not pose a risk of harm to others and therefore do not need to be taken into police custody and that the use of force to do so was rarely warranted; and

Whereas David Meyer made it his mission to educate law enforcement at the local and state levels on this reality, and he created training tools and presentations that he shared with agency leaders, tactical team leaders and crisis responders; and

Whereas David Meyer's efforts in the area of crisis response significantly contributed to a nationwide shift in law enforcement response to suicidal individuals, resulting in responses being more thoughtful, nuanced and legally defensible; and

Whereas in 2010, David Meyer was promoted to lieutenant and was the first probationary lieutenant to be selected to lead the PPB's Tactical Operations Division; and

Whereas David Meyer was renowned for his integrity, work ethic and commitment to excellence, and he was a beloved leader who never asked his team to do something he wouldn't do alongside them; and

Whereas David Meyer was a police officer who cared deeply about his community, and he had a rare ability to bring calm to people in moments of crisis; and

Whereas David Meyer embodied the mission of law enforcement: to serve and protect; and

Whereas David Meyer met Tamara, the love of his life, in 1992, and they were married for 29 wonderful years and had two daughters together; and

Whereas David Meyer loved spending time with his family, whether it was going to rodeos, mountain biking, skiing, paddleboarding, cheering at Seattle Mariners baseball games or attending concerts; and

Whereas in 2018, following his retirement from the PPB, David Meyer moved with his family to Idaho, the place he had spent his early years, so he could be closer to his brother and his family could enjoy the outdoors; and

Whereas David Meyer truly lived life to the fullest, and he was always ready for an adventure or a good time with his tight network of family and close friends; and

Whereas David Meyer died on December 28, 2024, in the mountains and snow, doing what he loved with the people he loved; and

Whereas David Meyer was survived by his beloved wife, Tamara; daughters, Amanda and Alyssa; brother, Stephen, and sister, Christine; stepbrother, John, and stepsisters, Marie, Yvette and Tanya; mother, Margaret; stepmother, Jenny; and many nieces and nephews; and

Whereas David Meyer will forever be remembered for his decades of dedicated service in law enforcement and the profound and lasting impact he had on his community and the people of the State of Oregon; now, therefore,

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

That we, the members of the Eighty-third Legislative Assembly, honor and celebrate the life and career of David Todd Meyer, and we express our sincere and abiding gratitude for his service to the people of this state; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution shall be presented to the family of David Meyer as an expression of our sympathy and condolences.

Adopted by House May 8, 2025

Timothy G. Sekerak, Chief Clerk of House

Julie Fahey, Speaker of House

Adopted by Senate June 11, 2025

Rob Wagner, President of Senate