

House Concurrent Resolution 29

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

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 David Meyer. (Flesch Readability Score: 61.2).
In memoriam: David Todd Meyer, 1967-2024.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

29 Whereas David Meyer's efforts in the area of crisis response significantly contributed to a na-
30 tionwide shift in law enforcement response to suicidal individuals, resulting in responses being more

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1 thoughtful, nuanced and legally defensible; and

2 Whereas in 2010, David Meyer was promoted to lieutenant and was the first probationary lieu-
3 tenant to be selected to lead the PPB’s Tactical Operations Division; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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