75th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2009 Regular Session STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY Senate Committee on Rules

MEASURE: CARRIER:

REVENUE: No revenue impact FISCAL: No fiscal impact	
Action:	Be Adopted
Vote:	5 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Atkinson, Burdick, Ferrioli, Metsger, Devlin
Nays:	-
Exc.:	-
Prepared By:	Erin Seiler, Administrator
Meeting Dates:	4/24

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Honors the life of Woodburn Police Captain Thomas Paul Tennant.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- His dedication to public service and the community of Woodburn
- His devotion to his wife and children
- His career in law enforcement

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Captain Thomas Paul Tennant was killed in the line of duty on December 12, 2008 as the result of a bomb explosion at a Woodburn-area bank. Captain Tennant, a Prineville native, spent much of his youth on a farm in south Salem. He graduated from Sprague High School in 1975 and from Western Oregon University with a degree in criminal justice in 1979. A 28-year veteran of the Woodburn Police Department, promoted to sergeant in 1989 and to captain in 2004, Captain Tennant served as the administrative captain, overseeing both the Investigation and Records Divisions. One of his proudest achievements came when he graduated from the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy in 1993.

He was active in St. Luke Catholic Church and in the Woodburn community, where he helped with projects from Oktoberfest to Mother's Day breakfasts, to the Love Santa toy drive, and volunteered for school and athletic activities with his family.

He is survived by his wife; children Becky, 24, Jenny, 22, and Scott, 18; his mother, Florence Tennant; brothers Bill and David Tennant; and sister Joanna Mix, all of Salem.