HCR 5   STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY   **Carrier:** Rep. Wilson

House Committee On Rules

Action Date:	02/16/17
Action:	Be Adopted.
Vote:	9-0-0-0
Yeas:	9 - Barreto, Hack, Holvey, Kennemer, McLane, Nosse, Rayfield, Smith Warner, Williamson
Fiscal:	No fiscal impact
Revenue:	No revenue impact
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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Recognizes and honors Deputy Thomas Ernest Rice (1956-2002) for his service to this state.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:
- Life of Deputy Thomas Rice
- Career with Josephine County Sheriff's Office
- Loss of mother-in-law, Josephine County Deputy Alice Moran, to airplane crash
- Importance to family of placing sign for Deputy Moran and Deputy Rice

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

After a life spent on the waters of the Rogue River, a river he loved and respected and took every opportunity to enjoy, Deputy Thomas Rice was killed there, on May 23, 2002, in a helicopter accident during a search and rescue mission for an elderly woman believed to have drowned.

Deputy Rice was born on March 14, 1956, in Grants Pass, Oregon, to I. Pearl Rice-Smalley and R. Wallace Rice and grew up surrounded by family, including his brother, Richard, and sister, Barbara, and aunts, uncles and cousins. He married his high school sweetheart, Rita Moran, in 1976, and together they had a son, Daniel, and daughter, Erin.

After 18 years working for Josephine Growers Co-Op, Deputy Rice joined the Josephine County Sheriff's Office, initially as a reserve officer before he was hired as a full-time officer in 1992. He was recognized with the Star of Life Award in 2000 for his efforts in a river rescue; he coordinated local law enforcement memorial ceremonies honoring fallen officers; and he obtained his captain's license from the United States Coast Guard.

Deputy Rice enjoyed reading, boating and working nights and weekends driving excursion boats. He valued time spent with his family, friends and church community.

House Concurrent Resolution 5 honors Deputy Thomas Rice for his service to this state.