House Concurrent Resolution 26

Sponsored by Representative HUFFMAN

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.**

Recognizes and honors Private First Class Thomas L. Tucker (1981-2006) for his service to his country.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Whereas United States Army Private First Class Thomas L. Tucker was born to Wes and Meg Tucker on May 5, 1981, in Prineville, Oregon; and

Whereas Private First Class Thomas L. Tucker was raised in Madras; and

Whereas Private First Class Thomas L. Tucker graduated from Madras High School in 1999; and

Whereas Private First Class Thomas L. Tucker loved music, playing the piano and guitar, camping and fishing with his family and being outdoors; and

Whereas Private First Class Thomas L. Tucker was known for his enthusiasm, loyalty, optimism and ability to make others laugh; and

Whereas Private First Class Thomas L. Tucker enlisted in the United States Army in 2005 and was an infantryman assigned to the 1st Battalion, 502nd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade, 101st Airborne Division, known as the Screaming Eagles, based out of Fort Campbell in Kentucky; and

Whereas Private First Class Thomas L. Tucker was deployed to Iraq in February 2006, during Operation Iraqi Freedom; and

Whereas Private First Class Thomas L. Tucker was killed in action on June 16, 2006, near Baghdad, Iraq; and

Whereas Private First Class Thomas L. Tucker was awarded the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, the Iraq Campaign Medal and the Combat Infantryman Badge; and

Whereas Governor Ted Kulongoski spoke of Private First Class Thomas L. Tucker as a "son of Oregon and a true American hero," adding that "his sacrifice is a testament to his honor and courage, and his bravery on the battlefield will not be forgotten"; and

Whereas Private First Class Thomas L. Tucker was survived by his parents, Wes and Meg Tucker, and his sister, Tayva Tucker; now, therefore,

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

That we, the members of the Seventy-ninth Legislative Assembly, recognize and honor Private First Class Thomas L. Tucker for his service to his country.

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.