

## Enrolled

# Senate Concurrent Resolution 10

Sponsored by Senator PROZANSKI; Representative HOLVEY (Presession filed.)

Whereas Reserve Deputy Robert Milton Riley was born to Fred and Audrey Riley on June 12, 1922, in Elkton, Oregon, and grew up surrounded by family; and

Whereas Reserve Deputy Riley attended Elkton High School until he was needed to work full time on the family farm; and

Whereas Reserve Deputy Riley married his wife, Venola, who served Lane County Sheriff's Office as a matron; and

Whereas they had one son, Stephen, who later became a police officer in Eugene, Oregon, and chief of the Latgawa Tribal Police; and

Whereas Reserve Deputy Riley was a member of Merrill's Marauders in Burma and India during World War II, participating in the liberation of the Myitkyina airfield that was vital to the war effort; and

Whereas after returning from the war, Reserve Deputy Riley joined the Eugene Police Department as a reserve officer and rose to the rank of lieutenant; and

Whereas on the morning of August 17, 1958, Reserve Deputy Riley was killed in an automobile accident in Springfield, Oregon; and

Whereas Reserve Deputy Riley was a passenger on patrol with the Springfield police as they attempted to stop a fleeing vehicle; and

Whereas Reserve Deputy Riley died on his son's seventh birthday; and

Whereas in his spare time Reserve Deputy Riley was a largely self-taught electrician and inventor; and

Whereas Reserve Deputy Riley enjoyed building model railroads and inventing a host of items, such as new toothpaste caps, illuminated fishing lures, articulated screwdrivers and long-range listening devices; and

Whereas Reserve Deputy Riley was the inventor and manufacturer of the Riley Mechanical Decoy, the world's first successful decoy of its kind; and

Whereas Reserve Deputy Riley enjoyed his time with family and friends; and

Whereas Reserve Deputy Riley volunteered as a deacon and junior high teacher at the University Street Church of Christ in Eugene; and

Whereas prior to his entering law enforcement, Reserve Deputy Riley had owned and operated a timber hauling business in Elkton, Riley's Armature Rewinding in Eugene and McKenzie Protective Service in Springfield and Glenwood; and

Whereas Reserve Deputy Riley learned law enforcement while on the job and was known as a highly skilled investigator and interviewer who executed his duties with passion, dedication and diligence; and

Whereas Reserve Deputy Riley's death was a great loss to his family and friends; 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 Reserve Deputy Robert Milton Riley for his service to this state.

Adopted by Senate March 9, 2017

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Lori L. Brocker, Secretary of Senate

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Peter Courtney, President of Senate

Adopted by House June 15, 2017

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Tina Kotek, Speaker of House