

## Enrolled

# Senate Concurrent Resolution 8

Sponsored by Senator PROZANSKI; Representative HOLVEY (Pre-session filed.)

Whereas Lane County Sheriff's Deputy Roy Hugo Dirks was born on November 9, 1936, in Roseburg, Oregon, to Howard Dirks and Katherine Rogers Dirks and had five siblings, Gloria, Gerald, who was later killed in the Korean War, Dale, Robert and Linda; and

Whereas Deputy Dirks was an Explorer Scout, participating in a bicycle patrol unit; and

Whereas Deputy Dirks graduated from Brookings High School in 1954, where he was a cheerleader, an athlete and, as a member of the Lucky Seven Club, a mentor to fellow students; and

Whereas from 1955 to 1957, Deputy Dirks was stationed in Germany while serving in the United States Army as a boxer and military police officer; and

Whereas Deputy Dirks married Deanna Dirks in 1958, and together they had two daughters, Debi and Denise; and

Whereas in 1965 Deputy Dirks married LaVonne Scott, with whom he had two children, Vonnice and Gerald; and

Whereas Deputy Dirks was later briefly married to Yvonne Buckwalter; and

Whereas Deputy Dirks had two more daughters, Kimberly and Natalie; and

Whereas Deputy Dirks was a loving father, husband, brother, uncle and cousin who did not live to meet his 12 grandchildren and his great-grandchild; and

Whereas Deputy Dirks was hired by the Eugene Police Department, where he worked in the jail from 1958 to 1965; and

Whereas Deputy Dirks became a resident deputy in 1965 in Cottage Grove, Oregon, serving as a motorcycle officer; and

Whereas Deputy Dirks joined the Lane County Sheriff's Office Detectives Unit in 1967 as one of five members of the narcotics team; and

Whereas Deputy Dirks educated local youth about the dangers of drugs; and

Whereas Deputy Dirks participated in the resolution of the Jerome Brudos serial murder case; and

Whereas Deputy Dirks was once instrumental in solving a murder case by playing a game of pool against a witness, making a deal that if Deputy Dirks won the game, the witness would tell all, but if the witness won, the deputy would ask him no more questions; and

Whereas being a fine pool player, Deputy Dirks won the game and solved the case; and

Whereas at the time of his death, Deputy Dirks was attending Lane Community College, studying criminal justice, and had ambitions to go to law school; and

Whereas on April 11, 1975, Deputy Dirks was investigating a boating accident when he was shot and killed by cult members of the Children of the Valley of Life, headed by Norman T. "Snake" Brooks; and

Whereas in 1975 Deputy Dirks was awarded the Exchange Clubs of America Blue and Gold Posthumous Service Award; and

Whereas Deputy Dirks loved fishing, telling jokes, riding motorcycles, golfing, singing, dancing and playing the guitar; and

Whereas Deputy Dirks loved spending time with his family and fellow Moose Lodge members; and

Whereas Deputy Dirks was a hard-working officer who did his job with passion, dedication and diligence; and

Whereas these many years later, Deputy Dirks is still greatly missed by his family and his many 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 Deputy Roy Hugo Dirks for his service to this state.

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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 14, 2017

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Tina Kotek, Speaker of House