

SCR 2 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

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Meeting Dates: 2/6, 2/13

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Recognizes and honors Corporal Jimmy Erik Floren (1946-1967).

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Valor and sacrifice of Corporal Floren

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Corporal Jimmy Floren was born on July 23, 1946, in Klamath Falls. He graduated from Klamath Union High School in 1964 and studied architecture for two years before enlisting in the United States Marine Corps. His tour in Vietnam as a fire squad leader in H Company, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines, 1st Marine Division, began in March of 1967.

On November 6th of that same year, Corporal Floren went to the aid of a wounded comrade under intense enemy fire, and single-handedly maintained a machine gun position after its crew was wounded. Corporal Floren manned the machine gun from an exposed position until he himself was wounded and the gun was disabled. He continued to maintain his position, firing a grenade launcher at the enemy until he was killed in action. He was posthumously awarded the Navy Cross and the Silver Star, the nation's second and third highest decorations for valor in combat, for his fearless conduct. He is buried in Klamath Falls and honored on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 2 recognizes Corporal Jimmy Floren for his sacrifice and service.