

SCR 29 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

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Meeting Dates: 4/3

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Resolution to honor fallen service members.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

[-1 amendment] Recognizing U.S. Navy veteran, Sheriff Glenn A. Shipman (1927-2016).

BACKGROUND:

Sheriff Glenn A. Shipman was born on April 3, 1927, in Vernonia, Oregon. He enlisted in the United States Navy on April 17, 1944, just after his 17th birthday. He served in the Pacific Theater during World War II aboard the USS *Ajax*, and he continued to serve in the Naval Reserve for many years after active duty. After the war, Sheriff Shipman worked in a sawmill before deciding on law enforcement as a career. In 1948, he joined the Oregon State Police (OSP), where he served as a trooper with honor and distinction for 16 years. While serving with OSP in St. Helens, Oregon, Sheriff Shipman met and married the love of his life, Joanne Murgic, and they raised a family together. In 1964, he began his long and distinguished career with the Yamhill County Sheriff's Office, where he rose steadily through the ranks until he was appointed Yamhill County Sheriff in 1980. He was subsequently elected to two full terms. During his tenure as sheriff, Yamhill County extended law enforcement coverage to some of its smaller cities, added more deputies, and expanded its jail facility. Sheriff Shipman's vision and leadership enhanced the efficiency and service of law enforcement in Yamhill County, greatly improving public safety and quality of life for many Oregonians. In 1986, Sheriff Shipman was named Sheriff of the Year by the Oregon State Sheriffs' Association. He also served as the Association's president and graduated from the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy. Sheriff Shipman retired in 1989, but continued to provide leadership and expertise to Yamhill County, serving on both the board of equalization and the budget committee. Sheriff Shipman cared deeply about his community, and was involved in numerous charitable and civic organizations, including local chapters of the United Way, Lions Clubs International, Scottish Rite and Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. After a remarkable law enforcement career of more than 40 years, he passed away on January 27, 2016.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 29 recognizes and honors Sheriff Glenn Shipman for serving his country, the State of Oregon, and the people of Yamhill County with consummate integrity, professionalism and dedication.