

HCR 24 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Rules

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Meeting Dates: 5/29

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Recognizes and honors Officer Malcus Williams II for his service to this state.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Officer Malcus Williams II tirelessly served in the Ashland Police Department (APD) for 21 years until his death in the line of duty on March 2, 2018.

Officer Williams was born on August 14, 1966, in Eugene, Oregon, to Mary and Malcus Williams. Officer Williams grew up in Eugene with his three sisters, Annette, Cindy, and Amy, and in 1985 he graduated from Willamette High School, where he starred on the football field. Officer Williams attended Southern Oregon State College (now Southern Oregon University), in Ashland, Oregon, where he met his future wife, Ona. Officer Williams and Ona were married in 1990, and together they raised three daughters, Savannah, Georgia, and Brooklyn. Officer Williams was a loving and dedicated family man who rarely missed an activity his daughters participated in, and he could be seen all over Ashland at their softball, basketball, and volleyball games, cross country meets, talent shows, band and choir concerts, or theater productions.

In 1994, Officer Williams began his law enforcement career as a reserve officer with the APD and he was sworn in as a full-time officer in 1996. Officer Williams was a large man with a commanding presence, but he was renowned for his gentle demeanor, compassion, and kindness. Officer Williams was an outstanding police officer with a keen sense of responsibility and duty, and he cared deeply about making his community a better place. In 2008, Officer Williams completed his bachelor's degree at Southern Oregon University while continuing to work full-time as a police officer. Officer Williams said that "all people, no matter their station in life, deserve to be treated with dignity," and he lived up to those words every day in his personal life and police work. Officer Williams was posthumously awarded the State of Oregon's Law Enforcement Medal of Ultimate Sacrifice.

Officer Williams loved sports, especially football, which was a passion he shared with his wife, and his other hobbies included building custom speakers and any activity related to Star Trek. Officer Williams touched the lives of many and he is greatly missed by his family, friends, colleagues, and community.

House Concurrent Resolution 24 honors Officer Malcus Williams II for his service to this state.