

HCR 1 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Meek, Rep. Lewis

House Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

Action Date: 02/26/19

Action: Be adopted with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 8-0-0-0

Yeas: 8 - Evans, Findley, Lewis, Meek, Neron, Wallan, Wilde, Zika

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/26

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Recognizes impending overseas deployment of Oregon National Guard's 41st Infantry Brigade Combat Team. Honors service and sacrifice of Oregon's citizen soldiers and their families and expresses support for them.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- History of the 41st Infantry Brigade Combat Team
- Importance of family support programs

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Changes referenced date of beginning of deployment from October 2019 to September 2019.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon's 41st Infantry Division, nicknamed the "Sunset Division," was formed in 1917 during World War 1, and served during both World War I and World War II. Reorganized years later as the 41st Infantry Brigade, it has since served in the Balkans and the Middle East, and has participated domestically in disaster response situations, making the 41st a dual-mission unit. The 41st Infantry Brigade Combat Team was most recently deployed to Afghanistan in 2014-15, and is currently preparing for a 12-month deployment to potential locations, including Africa, the Middle East, and Eastern Europe.