

House Concurrent Resolution 24

Sponsored by Representative MARSH, Senator GOLDEN

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Recognizes and honors Officer Malcus Williams II (1966-2018) for his service to this state.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1
2 Whereas Officer Malcus Williams II was born on August 14, 1966, in Eugene, Oregon, to Mary
3 and Malcus Williams; and

4 Whereas Officer Williams grew up in Eugene with his three sisters, Annette, Cindy and Amy;
5 and

6 Whereas in 1985, Officer Williams graduated from Willamette High School in Eugene, where he
7 starred on the football field; and

8 Whereas Officer Williams attended Southern Oregon State College (now Southern Oregon Uni-
9 versity), in Ashland, Oregon, where he played on the football team and met his future wife, Ona; and

10 Whereas Officer Williams and Ona were married in 1990, and together they raised three
11 daughters, Savannah, Georgia and Brooklyn; and

12 Whereas Officer Williams began his law enforcement career as a reserve officer with the
13 Ashland Police Department (APD) in 1994, and he was sworn in as a full-time officer with the APD
14 in 1996; and

15 Whereas Officer Williams served in the APD for 21 years, and he was always willing to step in
16 where help was needed, whether it was as a school resource officer, firearms instructor, acting
17 sergeant or patrol officer; and

18 Whereas when not wearing his uniform, Officer Williams was an active volunteer, a tireless
19 coach for many youth sports teams and a legendary disc jockey at Ashland Middle School gradu-
20 ation dances; and

21 Whereas Officer Williams was a loving and dedicated family man who rarely missed an activity
22 his daughters participated in, and he could be seen all over Ashland at their softball, basketball and
23 volleyball games, cross country meets, talent shows, band and choir concerts or theater productions;
24 and

25 Whereas Officer Williams was a large man with a commanding presence, but he was renowned
26 for his gentle demeanor, compassion and kindness; and

27 Whereas in 2008, Officer Williams completed his bachelor's degree at Southern Oregon Univer-
28 sity while continuing to work full-time as a police officer; and

29 Whereas Officer Williams loved sports, especially football, which was a passion he shared with
30 his wife, and his other hobbies included building custom speakers and any activity related to *Star*
31 *Trek*; and

32 Whereas Officer Williams was an outstanding police officer with a keen sense of responsibility

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1 and duty, and he cared deeply about making his community a better and safer place; and

2 Whereas APD Chief Tighe O’Meara said of Officer Williams that he was “that rare police officer
3 that is universally liked” and that there is “not a person in the City of Ashland or Jackson County
4 that has anything bad to say about Malcus”; and

5 Whereas Officer Williams said that “all people, no matter their station in life, deserve to be
6 treated with dignity,” and he lived up to those words every day in his personal life and police work;
7 and

8 Whereas Officer Williams died in the line of duty on March 2, 2018, while responding to a call;
9 and

10 Whereas Officer Williams was posthumously awarded the State of Oregon’s Law Enforcement
11 Medal of Ultimate Sacrifice; and

12 Whereas Officer Williams was honored with a motorcade of public safety vehicles from around
13 the state that passed through streets lined with members of the community paying their respects,
14 followed by a celebration of life that filled the gymnasium at Ashland High School; and

15 Whereas Officer Williams is survived by his wife, three daughters and two sisters; and

16 Whereas Officer Williams touched the lives of many, and he is greatly missed by his family,
17 friends, colleagues and community; now, therefore,

18 **Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:**

19 That we, the members of the Eightieth Legislative Assembly, recognize and honor Officer
20 Malcus Williams II for his service to this state.

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