

**A-Engrossed**  
**House Concurrent Resolution 29**

Ordered by the House April 1  
Including House Amendments dated April 1

Sponsored by Representative MEEK

**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.

Recognizes and honors Sergeant First Class Richard Joseph Henkes II (1973-2006) for his service to his country.

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

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2       Whereas Sergeant First Class Richard Joseph Henkes II was born on December 19, 1973, and  
3 he grew up in Boring, Oregon; and

4       Whereas Sergeant First Class Henkes graduated from Clackamas High School in 1992, where  
5 he participated in wrestling and track and field; and

6       Whereas Sergeant First Class Henkes was an avid snowboarder, and he could often be found  
7 on the side of a mountain with friends or family; and

8       Whereas Sergeant First Class Henkes first enlisted in the United States Army in 1992, then  
9 served in the National Guard for several years before reenlisting in the regular Army; and

10       Whereas Sergeant First Class Henkes followed in a family tradition, as his father served in the  
11 United States Air Force, both his grandfathers served in the Army during World War II and his  
12 great-grandfather was a veteran of World War I; and

13       Whereas Sergeant First Class Henkes loved to have fun and was often the jokester at family  
14 gatherings, but he was very serious about being a soldier and he had a keen sense of responsibility  
15 and duty; and

16       Whereas in 2006 Sergeant First Class Henkes deployed to Iraq and was attached to Charlie  
17 Company, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division; and

18       Whereas Sergeant First Class Henkes was very proud to serve his country, and he believed in  
19 the mission in Iraq and that he was doing something for the greater good; and

20       Whereas Sergeant First Class Henkes was an outstanding soldier and a tough but fair noncom-  
21 missioned officer who was widely loved and respected; and

22       Whereas Sergeant First Class Henkes cared deeply about the soldiers he led, and he was de-  
23 scribed as the "father" of his platoon; and

24       Whereas Sergeant First Class Henkes was noted for his kindness and decency, and he often gave  
25 food, water and first aid to Iraqi children; and

26       Whereas Sergeant First Class Henkes was killed in action on September 3, 2006, when an im-  
27 proved explosive device was detonated near his vehicle; and

28       Whereas Sergeant First Class Henkes's courage and selfless devotion to duty, often in the midst

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1 of harrowing combat conditions, exemplified the spirit and values of the United States Army; and

2       Whereas Sergeant First Class Henkes's many awards and decorations include the Bronze Star,  
3 Purple Heart, Combat Infantryman Badge, Army Achievement Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal,  
4 National Defense Service Medal and Air Assault Badge; and

5       Whereas Sergeant First Class Henkes was laid to rest at Willamette National Cemetery; and

6       Whereas Sergeant First Class Henkes is greatly missed by his family and friends; now, therefore,

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

8       That we, the members of the Eightieth Legislative Assembly, recognize and honor Sergeant First  
9 Class Richard Joseph Henkes II for his service to his country.

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