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Senate Concurrent Resolution 3

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Whereas Radarman 2nd Class Garry Bradbury Hodgson was born on July 16, 1937, in Chewelah, Washington, to Jasper and Jean Hodgson; and

Whereas Radarman 2nd Class Hodgson grew up in Gladstone, Oregon, and he attended West Linn High School; and

Whereas Radarman 2nd Class Hodgson enlisted in the United States Navy, and his sea duty commenced in March 1960; and

Whereas Radarman 2nd Class Hodgson married Gwendolyn Chambers on January 22, 1966, and together they raised five children, Alan, Damon, Gari, Mark and Sean; and

Whereas Radarman 2nd Class Hodgson was an excellent radarman with a great sense of humor, and he was highly regarded by his shipmates, who knew him as "Hodge"; and

Whereas Radarman 2nd Class Hodgson began serving on the destroyer USS *Frank E. Evans* in 1963; and

Whereas on June 3, 1969, the USS *Frank E. Evans*, while on a Southeast Asia Treaty Organization maneuver, was struck by the aircraft carrier HMAS *Melbourne*; and

Whereas the USS *Frank E. Evans* was cut in half in the collision and 74 lives were lost, including Radarman 2nd Class Hodgson; and

Whereas although it was deployed in support of the Vietnam War effort, the USS *Frank E. Evans* was deemed to be operating outside of the designated "combat zone," therefore none of the 74 crew members who lost their lives in the accident are honored on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C.; and

Whereas the USS *Frank E. Evans* Association has been working to erect memorials to honor each of the "Lost 74" in communities in their respective home states; and

Whereas American Legion Post 21 in McMinnville, Oregon, was selected as the location for a memorial in its rose garden to honor Radarman 2nd Class Hodgson and his fellow lost shipmates; and

Whereas on July 8, 2017, a dedication ceremony for the memorial honoring these 74 brave sailors was held, which included a gun salute by a color guard; and

Whereas Radarman 2nd Class Hodgson has been honored by Yamhill County and the City of McMinnville; and

Whereas Radarman 2nd Class Hodgson was lost at sea, but a headstone memorial honors him in Willamette National Cemetery, and his name appears on the Oregon Vietnam Veterans Memorial; now, therefore,

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

That we, the members of the Eightieth Legislative Assembly, recognize and honor Radarman 2nd Class Garry Bradbury Hodgson for his service to his country; and be it further

Resolved, That we recognize and honor the gallant "Lost 74" of the USS *Frank E. Evans* who, on June 3, 1969, died in the service of their country and the defense of liberty.

Adopted by Senate April 2, 2019

Lori L. Brocker, Secretary of Senate

Peter Courtney, President of Senate

Adopted by House May 22, 2019

Tina Kotek, Speaker of House