

SCR 2 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Rules

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Meeting Dates: 4/29

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

In memoriam: Patrick James Simpson.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Recognizes the death of Patrick Simpson's beloved wife, Helga Susanne Schulz Simpson.

BACKGROUND:

Patrick James Simpson lived a remarkable life and served his nation with honor and distinction until his unexpected death on July 2, 2019.

On August 3, 1940, Patrick James Simpson was born in Ashland, Oregon, along with his identical twin brother Donald Alexander Simpson, to Alexander I. Simpson and Patricia Whitney Simpson. Patrick Simpson graduated from Ashland High School in 1958 and the University of Oregon in 1962. After participating in the Reserve Officers' Training Corps, Patrick and his brother were commissioned in the United States Army as infantry officers.

In July 1966, Patrick Simpson was assigned to the 1st Cavalry (Airmobile) Division in the Republic of Vietnam, where he served for five months on the division staff before assuming command of C Company, 2nd Battalion, 12th Cavalry, for nearly seven months until completion of his duty in July 1967. After serving at Fort Polk, Louisiana, Patrick Simpson returned for a second tour of Duty in Vietnam in October 1968 with the Americal Division, where he served as an assistant battalion operations officer and on the division staff.

During Patrick Simpson's 26 years of distinguished service in the Army, he earned numerous medal and commendations, including the Silver Star, Legion of Merit, four Bronze Stars (two for valor and two for meritorious service), Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal, two Army Commendation Medals, Air Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge, Expert Infantryman Badge, Ranger Tab and Parachutist Badge. After earning a master's degree at Indiana University, Patrick Simpson served as a physical education instructor at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York, and was involved in the integration of women into the Corps of Cadets. After his retirement from the Army, Patrick began his second career as a popular substitute teacher for 20 years, primarily at Cottage Grove High School.

Patrick Simpson enjoyed spending time with his family, playing cards, competing at fantasy football, and canning jams, jellies, and his award-winning dill pickles. He is survived by his daughters, Mary and Kathleen; his son, Alex; his twin brother, Donald; his sister, Alexis; three grandchildren; two nieces; and a nephew. Patrick Simpson was laid to rest at Willamette National Cemetery with full military honors.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 2 celebrates the life of Patrick James Simpson and recognizes and honors his service to his nation, state, and community.