

HCR 4 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Rules

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Meeting Dates: 5/6

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Recognizes and honors Oregon State Police Trooper Burrell Milo Baucom (1902-1933) for his service to this state.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon State Police Trooper Burrell Milo Baucom was born in Portland, Oregon, on January 2, 1902, to Burrell L. and Genivieve Baucom. Trooper Baucom met Dorothea Diamond at the Oregon Agricultural College and they were married in 1923.

Trooper Baucom was hired as a patrol officer by the Oregon State Traffic Division in 1930 and was assigned to patrol in the area of Medford, Oregon. The Oregon State Police (OSP) was formed the following year and Trooper Baucom was hired by OSP shortly thereafter.

Trooper Baucom was a lieutenant in the National Guard and was the very popular commanding officer of the headquarters company. He also served as a military instructor at a junior high school.

On July 1, 1933, Trooper Baucom was patrolling north of Grants Pass, Oregon, and he stopped a motor vehicle that had been reported stolen. When Trooper Baucom approached the stopped vehicle, the teenaged driver shot Baucom multiple times, killing him. The driver and a passenger fled the scene, but they were apprehended after a massive manhunt. Both were subsequently convicted for Trooper Baucom's murder and sentenced to life imprisonment.

Trooper Baucom was the second OSP trooper killed in the line of duty. He was honored with a military funeral and a procession through downtown Medford, with OSP troopers serving as honorary pallbearers, and was laid to rest in Portland following a family service.

Trooper Baucom's loss was deeply felt by his family, his fellow officers, and his many friends. Trooper Baucom was a dedicated law enforcement officer who served the people of the State of Oregon with honor and distinction.

House Concurrent Resolution 4 recognizes and honors Oregon State Police Trooper Burrell Milo Baucom for his service to this state.