

House Concurrent Resolution 12

Sponsored by Representative DRAZAN; Representatives BONHAM, BOSHART DAVIS, BREESE-IVERSON, LEWIS, NEARMAN, OWENS, POST, RESCHKE, SMITH G, ZIKA (Presession filed.)

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 Medal of Honor recipient Specialist Four Larry Gilbert Dahl (1949-1971) for his service to his country.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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2 Whereas Specialist Four Larry Gilbert Dahl was born on June 10, 1949, in Oregon City, Oregon;
3 and

4 Whereas Specialist Four Dahl attended elementary school in Oregon City and high school in
5 Seattle, Washington; and

6 Whereas Specialist Four Dahl enlisted in the United States Army in 1969; and

7 Whereas Specialist Four Dahl began his tour of duty in Vietnam on June 18, 1970, and he was
8 assigned to 1st Logistical Command, 27th Transportation Battalion, 8th Transportation Group, 359th
9 Transportation Company; and

10 Whereas Specialist Four Dahl was assigned to the crew of the gun truck "Brutus"; and

11 Whereas on February 23, 1971, two fuel convoys were headed west on National Route 19 when
12 the lead convoy was ambushed by a large enemy force as it crossed over the top of An Khe Pass;
13 and

14 Whereas Brutus and other vehicles of the second convoy were sent forward to assist in defense
15 of the first convoy and during the ensuing battle an enemy soldier tossed a hand grenade into the
16 gun truck; and

17 Whereas Specialist Four Dahl saw the grenade first, called a warning and without hesitation
18 threw himself directly on the grenade to protect his fellow soldiers; and

19 Whereas Specialist Four Dahl was killed by the explosion, which also wounded two other crew
20 members; and

21 Whereas due to the selfless actions of Specialist Four Dahl, the other crew members of Brutus
22 survived the grenade attack; and

23 Whereas Specialist Four Dahl was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor, the nation's
24 highest military decoration for valor in combat, for his "conspicuous gallantry, extraordinary
25 heroism, and intrepidity at the cost of his life, above and beyond the call of duty"; and

26 Whereas Specialist Four Dahl was laid to rest in Willamette National Cemetery; and

27 Whereas Specialist Four Dahl's bravery and selfless devotion to his comrades exemplified the
28 spirit and values of the United States Army; now, therefore,

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

30 That we, the members of the Eighty-first Legislative Assembly, recognize and honor Medal of
31 Honor recipient Specialist Four Larry Gilbert Dahl for his extraordinary and selfless heroism in

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