

A-Engrossed
House Concurrent Resolution 7

Ordered by the House April 26
Including House Amendments dated April 26

Sponsored by Representative GOMBERG; Representative EVANS (Pre-session 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.

Recognizes and honors Oregon State Police Lieutenant Harold R. Berg (1937-1975) for his service to this state.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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2 Whereas Oregon State Police Lieutenant Harold R. Berg was born on February 26, 1937, to
3 Harold and Ethyl Berg in Pawnee, Oklahoma; and

4 Whereas Lieutenant Berg grew up in Pawnee with his sisters, Willa Mae and Carol LaVern, and
5 he graduated from Pawnee High School in 1955; and

6 Whereas Lieutenant Berg married Sara Jane Smith, and in 1956 they moved to Prairie City,
7 Oregon; and

8 Whereas Lieutenant Berg worked for the United States Forest Service and the State Forestry
9 Department; and

10 Whereas Lieutenant Berg became a member of the Oregon State Police (OSP) in 1960; and

11 Whereas Lieutenant Berg was promoted to corporal in 1968, and in 1970 he was promoted to
12 sergeant and became District Criminal Investigator for eastern Oregon; and

13 Whereas Lieutenant Berg's leadership and ability were again recognized in July 1971, when he
14 was transferred to Salem and became the first commander of the OSP narcotics unit; and

15 Whereas Lieutenant Berg then became assistant commander of the OSP Criminal Division, and
16 he was promoted to lieutenant in August 1973; and

17 Whereas during his police career, Lieutenant Berg worked on many major criminal cases and
18 he showed exceptional skill and dedication in his work; and

19 Whereas when not in uniform, Lieutenant Berg enjoyed building and flying gas-powered model
20 airplanes, participating in soap box derbys with his son, spending time with friends and family,
21 hunting, beachcombing, sightseeing and woodworking; and

22 Whereas on May 10, 1975, while he was off duty and enjoying a family picnic at Cape Lookout
23 State Park, Lieutenant Berg volunteered in a search and rescue operation for two missing Boy
24 Scouts; and

25 Whereas while attempting to search a cave near the water's edge, Lieutenant Berg was washed
26 out to sea by a sneaker wave and he died at the age of 38; and

27 Whereas the scouts were later found safe away from the shore; and

28 Whereas two days after Lieutenant Berg's death, OSP Superintendent Holly V. Holcomb wrote

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1 a letter to his family stating: “I have known of no finer person or a more respected police officer
2 within our department. His children can be very proud of their father for even in his last act he
3 was unselfishly attempting to assist others.”; and

4 Whereas the OSP established the Harold R. Berg Lifesaving Award in his memory; and

5 Whereas at his End of Watch, Lieutenant Berg was survived by four children, who have since
6 added 12 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren to his legacy; and

7 Whereas Lieutenant Berg’s selfless and heroic actions exemplified the spirit and commitment
8 of the OSP and its credo that an officer is “never off duty”; and

9 Whereas Lieutenant Berg was a dedicated law enforcement officer who served the people of the
10 State of Oregon with honor and distinction; now, therefore,

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

12 That we, the members of the Eighty-first Legislative Assembly, recognize and honor Lieutenant
13 Harold R. Berg for his service to this state.

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