## **House Concurrent Resolution 7**

Sponsored by Representative GOMBERG (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 Oregon State Police Lieutenant Harold R. Berg (1937-1975) for his service to this state.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 1 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 Whereas Lieutenant Berg grew up in Pawnee with his sisters, Willa Mae and Carol LaVern, and 4 he graduated from Pawnee High School in 1955; and 5 6 Whereas Lieutenant Berg married Sarah Jane Smith, and in 1956 they moved to Prairie City,  $\mathbf{7}$ Oregon; and 8 Whereas Lieutenant Berg worked for the United States Forest Service and the State Forestry 9 Department; and Whereas Lieutenant Berg became a member of the Oregon State Police (OSP) in 1960; and 10 Whereas Lieutenant Berg was promoted to corporal in 1968, and in 1970 he was promoted to 11 12 sergeant and became District Criminal Investigator for eastern Oregon; and 13Whereas Lieutenant Berg's leadership and ability were again recognized in July 1971, when he was transferred to Salem and became the first commander of the OSP narcotics unit; and 14 Whereas Lieutenant Berg then became assistant commander of the OSP Criminal Division, and 1516 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 Whereas when not in uniform, Lieutenant Berg enjoyed building and flying gas-powered model 19 airplanes, participating in soap box derbys with his son, spending time with friends and family, 2021hunting, beachcombing, sightseeing and woodworking; and 22Whereas on May 10, 1975, while he was off duty and enjoying a family picnic at Cape Lookout State Park, Lieutenant Berg volunteered in a search and rescue operation for two missing Boy 2324 Scouts; and 25Whereas while attempting to search a cave near the water's edge, Lieutenant Berg was washed 26out to sea by a sneaker wave and he died at the age of 38; and 27Whereas 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 a letter to his family stating: "I have known of no finer person or a more respected police officer 29 within our department. His children can be very proud of their father for even in his last act he 30 was unselfishly attempting to assist others."; and 31

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

2 Whereas at his End of Watch, Lieutenant Berg was survived by four children, who have since 3 added 12 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren to his legacy; and

4 Whereas Lieutenant Berg's selfless and heroic actions exemplified the spirit and commitment 5 of the OSP and its credo that an officer is "never off duty"; and

6 Whereas Lieutenant Berg was a dedicated law enforcement officer who served the people of the

7 State of Oregon with honor and distinction; now, therefore,

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

9 That we, the members of the Eighty-first Legislative Assembly, recognize and honor Lieutenant 10 Harold R. Berg for his service to this state.

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