

HCR 21 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Rules

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Meeting Dates: 3/9

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Recognizes and honors Officer Gary Lavaughn Sumpter (1938-1969) for his service to this state.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Officer Gary Lavaughn Sumpter was a native of Stockton, California. He grew up and attended schools in Roseburg, Oregon, and then served his nation in the United States Navy.

Officer Sumpter began his law enforcement career as a reserve officer in Sweet Home, Oregon, before becoming a reserve officer with the police department in Toledo, Oregon. Officer Sumpter also worked as a lab technician at New Lincoln Hospital in Toledo. When not in uniform, he was an avid hunter, fisherman and outdoor enthusiast.

On March 15, 1969, while pursuing a suspect in his vehicle, Officer Sumpter was shot and killed in the line of duty.

Officer Sumpter was survived by his wife, Marcia, and their children, Julie and Michael, who have since added four grandchildren to his legacy.

Officer Sumpter's selfless and heroic commitment to his community exemplified the highest standards of excellence of the Toledo Police Department. He was a dedicated law enforcement officer who served the people of the State of Oregon with honor and distinction.

House Concurrent Resolution 21 recognizes and honors Officer Gary Lavaughn Sumpter (1938-1969) for his service to this state.