

## SCR 11 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

### Senate Committee On Veterans, Emergency Management, Federal and World Affairs

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**Meeting Dates:** 3/21, 3/23

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#### **WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Memorializes Lance Corporal Don Edward Darnell (1946-1966).

#### **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

#### **EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

Lance Corporal Don Edward Darnell was born in Portland, Oregon, in 1946. After moving to Bend, he graduated from Bend High School and married his wife, Phyllis A. Sigmund, in 1965. He was drafted into the United States Marine Corps and proudly served his country in the Vietnam War, where he attained the rank of Lance Corporal as a machine gunner with G Company, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 5<sup>th</sup> Marines, 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Division, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Marine Amphibious Force. Lance Corporal Darnell was killed in action at 20 years old, in Quang Tri Province, South Vietnam on October 22, 1966. He was awarded numerous medals and commendations for his wartime service, including the Purple Heart, the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, the Vietnam Campaign Medal, and the Combat Action Ribbon. Lance Corporal Darnell was laid to rest in Bend at the Greenwood Cemetery, and is survived by his wife, who holds him forever in her heart.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 11 recognizes and honors Lance Corporal Don Edward Darnell's dedication to serving his state and country, and his devotion to duty exemplified by the spirit and values of the United States Marine Corps.