

SCR 13 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Manning Jr

Senate Committee On Rules

Action Date: 05/02/23

Action: Do adopt.

Vote: 5-0-0-0

Yeas: 5 - Hansell, Knopp, Lieber, Manning Jr, Steiner

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 5/2

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Recognizes and honors Chief Woodrow Wilson “Woody” Whetstone (1917-1960) for his service to this state.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- The circumstances that led to Chief Whetstone's death and the location of his gunshot wound
- The legal charges brought against the assailant
- His memorial on the National Law Enforcement Memorial Wall in Washington, D.C., and on Oregon's Memorial Wall

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Chief Woodrow Wilson “Woody” Whetstone was born in Oklahoma on November 14, 1917. He had a distinguished law enforcement career that culminated in his appointment as chief of the police department in Junction City, Oregon.

On December 26, 1960, Chief Whetstone was shot and killed after attempting to de-escalate a dispute between a man and woman. After shooting Chief Whetstone, the assailant shot the people who sought Chief Whetstone’s assistance, killing the man and wounding the woman. Chief Whetstone was 43 years old. He was survived by his wife, Marian, and their sons, Duane and Alvin.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 13 recognizes and honors Chief Woodrow Wilson “Woody” Whetstone for his service to this state.