

Enrolled
House Concurrent Resolution 204

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON RULES (at the request of Representative Christine Goodwin)

Whereas Douglas County Sheriff's Office Deputy Allen Burdic was born on April 10, 1955, to Raymond and Margene Burdic; and

Whereas Deputy Burdic grew up in Myrtle Creek, Oregon, along with his siblings Perry and Pam; and

Whereas Deputy Burdic graduated from South Umpqua High School in 1973; and

Whereas Deputy Burdic wanted to be a police officer his entire life, and he began his law enforcement career with the Canyonville Police Department in October 1976, where he served for nearly three years before joining the Douglas County Sheriff's Office in July 1979; and

Whereas Deputy Burdic's life was forever changed in the early morning hours of August 13, 1980, when, after responding to a reported shooting at the Nutshell Tavern in Myrtle Creek the night before, he encountered the suspect at a gravel turnout north of the Myrtle Creek Bridge near Interstate 5; and

Whereas the suspect fired twice on Deputy Burdic, striking him in the spine and the abdomen, before stealing his patrol car and running over his legs while fleeing the scene; and

Whereas that encounter left Deputy Burdic with a limp, partial paralysis in one arm and nerve damage so severe from the bullet that impacted his spine that the pain stayed with him for over forty years, eventually claiming his life; and

Whereas Deputy Burdic medically retired from the Douglas County Sheriff's Office in 1982; and

Whereas Deputy Burdic briefly returned to the Canyonville Police Department, working as a police officer from July 1984 to November 1985; and

Whereas in his life after law enforcement, Deputy Burdic was skilled at woodworking and metalworking, enjoyed working with computers, had a passion for motorcycles, and fulfilled his dream of owning a Corvette; and

Whereas despite suffering unimaginable pain from his injuries for the rest of his life, Deputy Burdic faced each new day with warmth, kindness and humor and was a beacon of strength, gentleness and perseverance to all who were lucky enough to know him; and

Whereas Deputy Burdic died on March 11, 2021, due to complications from the injuries he sustained on that fateful night in 1980; and

Whereas Deputy Burdic was a devoted and loving husband to Erlah, father to stepdaughter April, grandfather to four grandchildren and great-grandfather to three great-grandchildren; and

Whereas Deputy Burdic was a dedicated law enforcement professional who served the people of the State of Oregon with honor and integrity; now, therefore,

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

That we, the members of the Eighty-second Legislative Assembly, recognize and honor Deputy Allen Burdic for his service to this state.

Adopted by House February 20, 2024

Timothy G. Sekerak, Chief Clerk of House

Dan Rayfield, Speaker of House

Adopted by Senate March 4, 2024

Rob Wagner, President of Senate