

# House Concurrent Resolution 204

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

## 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**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: Honors the life and memory of Allen Burdic. (Flesch Readability Score: 61.2).  
Recognizes and honors Deputy Allen Burdic for his service to this state.

## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

10       Whereas Deputy Burdic's life was forever changed in the early morning hours of August 13,  
11 1980, when, after responding to a reported shooting at the Nutshell Tavern in Myrtle Creek the  
12 night before, he encountered the suspect at a gravel turnout north of the Myrtle Creek Bridge near  
13 Interstate 5; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

28       Whereas Deputy Burdic died on March 11, 2021, due to complications from the injuries he sus-  
29 tained on that fateful night in 1980; and

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

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted.  
New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

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

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

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

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