

HCR 1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Rules

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Meeting Dates: 3/3

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure recognizes and honors Private First Class Shawnacee Loren Noble (1972-1991) for his service to his country.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Private First Class (PFC) Shawnacee Loren Noble was born on May 12, 1972, in Livermore, California, to Raymond and Martha Noble. He grew up in Sweet Home, Oregon, the sixth of seven children, and moved to Albany, Oregon, after his father passed away. PFC Noble graduated from West Albany High School and enjoyed fishing and spending time with his family and friends.

Private First Class Noble considered a career as a chef, but instead set his sights on following in the footsteps of his father and brother by pursuing a career in the military. He enlisted in the Oregon National Guard after his junior year in high school, under the Split Training Option program. He graduated from high school in June 1990, and underwent training as a combat engineer at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

As a member of Company C, 1249th Engineer Battalion, PFC Noble attained the rank of Specialist. When the crisis in the Persian Gulf developed in 1990, he voluntarily joined the regular United States Army to serve in Operation Desert Storm, despite being required to take a reduction in rank.

Private First Class Noble was assigned to Company B, 5th Engineer Battalion, and he deployed with that unit to Saudi Arabia on January 17, 1991. He showed great courage and leadership during dozens of combat missions with his unit during Operation Desert Storm.

While on active duty at age 18, PFC Noble contracted a severe viral infection, causing him to pass away from pneumonia, on April 11, 1991. He was laid to rest on April 18, 1991, in Liberty-Nye Cemetery in Sweet Home, Oregon, with full military honors supplied by an honor guard from Fort Lewis, Washington. He was an outstanding soldier who served his country with honor and distinction, and he will be forever loved and never forgotten.