

NATIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR HIGHWAY ACT (PL 118-154)

Oregon Senate Committee on Veterans, Emergency
Management, Federal and World Affairs

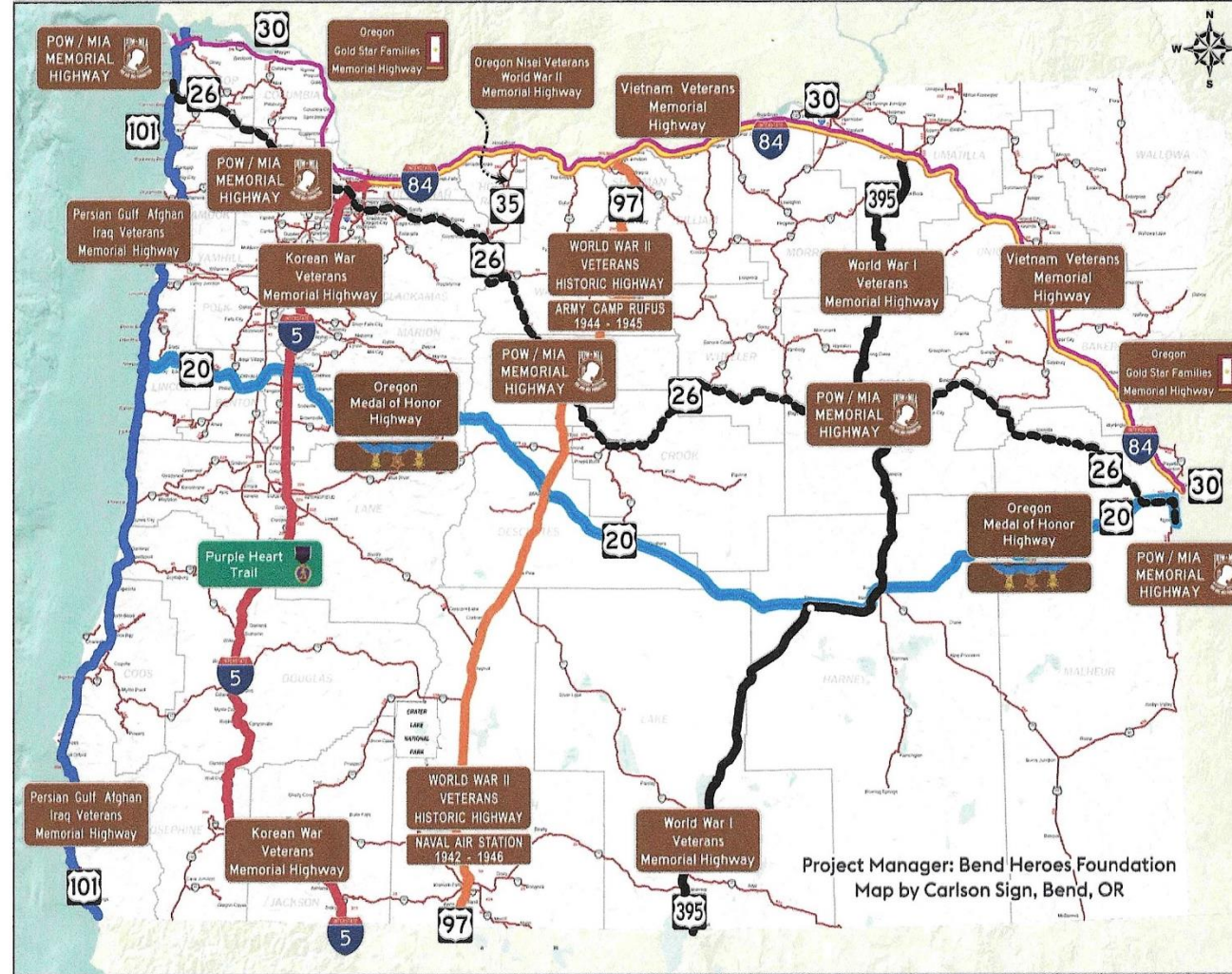
May 29, 2025
Salem, OR

Dick Tobiason, LTC US Army, Ret
Chairman, Bend Heroes Foundation

WWII Medal of Honor Recipient Robert Maxwell and Oregon Governor Kate Brown at Bill Signing Oregon Medal of Honor Highway, Bend



Oregon Veterans Memorial Highways



Bob Maxwell at Oregon MOH Hwy Sign Dedications

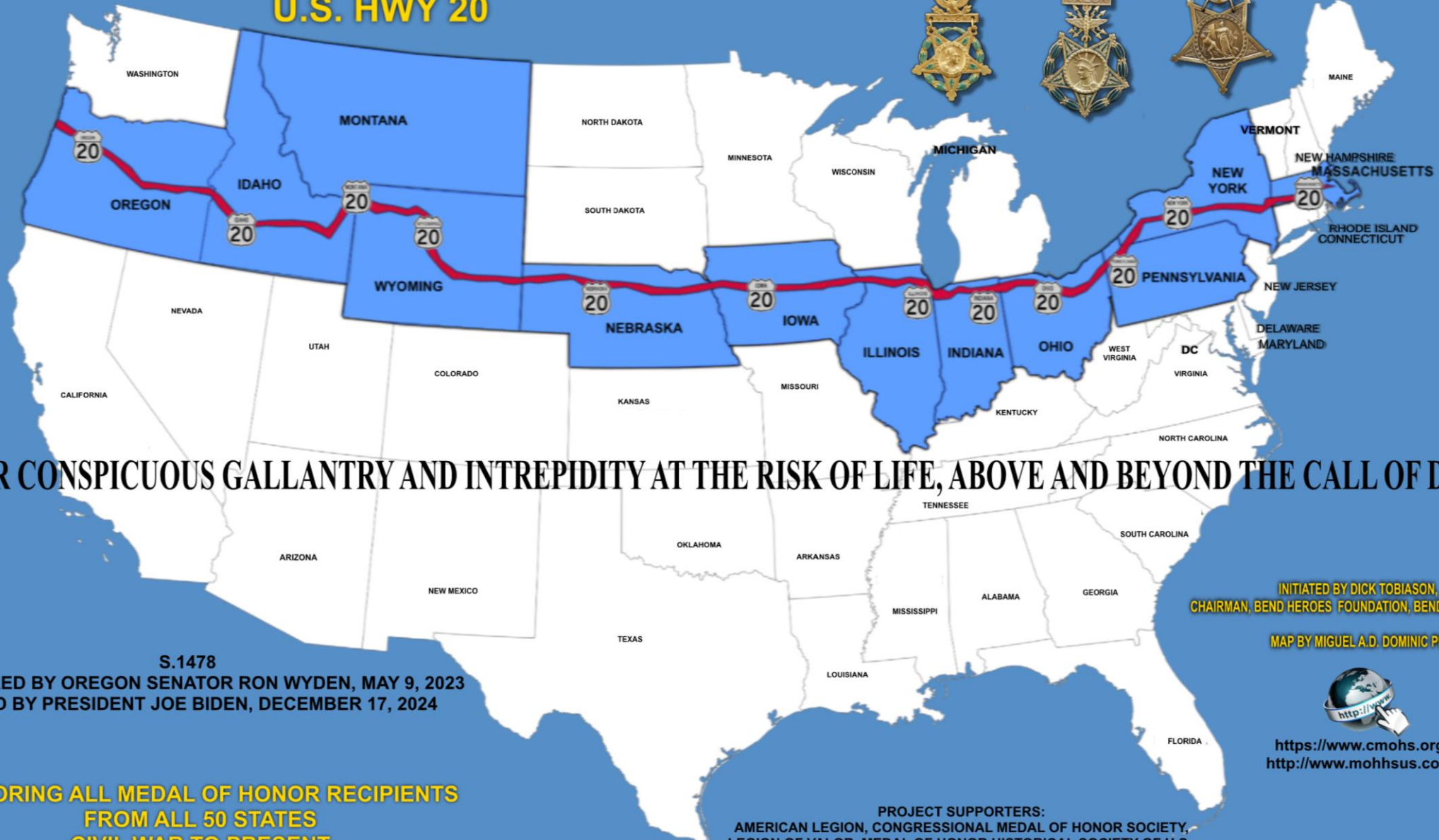




NATIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR HIGHWAY

3,365 MILE COAST TO COAST

U.S. HWY 20



"FOR CONSPICUOUS GALLANTRY AND INTREPIDITY AT THE RISK OF LIFE, ABOVE AND BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY"

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SPONSORED BY OREGON SENATOR RON WYDEN, MAY 9, 2023
SIGNED BY PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN, DECEMBER 17, 2024

**HONORING ALL MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENTS
FROM ALL 50 STATES
CIVIL WAR TO PRESENT
OVER 3,500 AWARDS HAVE BEEN MADE SINCE 1863**

INITIATED BY DICK TOBIASON,
CHAIRMAN, BEND HEROES FOUNDATION, BEND, OREGON, 2016

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LEGION OF VALOR, MEDAL OF HONOR HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF U.S.,
MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA, MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART,
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS, VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA

PUBLIC LAW 118-154

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One Hundred Eighteenth Congress
of the
United States of America
AT THE SECOND SESSION

begun and held at the City of Washington on Wednesday,
the third day of January, one thousand and twenty four

Be It Act

To designate United States Route 20 in the States of Oregon, Idaho, Montana,
Washington, Nevada, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, and
Massachusetts as the "National Model of Honor Highway" and for other purposes
Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of
the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. NATIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR HIGHWAY.

(a) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this Act is—

(1) to honor all current and former Model of Honor Highways;
and

(2) to recognize the value and service of those Model of Honor Highways.

(b) DESIGNATION.—United States Route 20 in each of the States of Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Washington, Nevada, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, and Massachusetts shall be known and designated as the "National Model of Honor Highway."

(c) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the highway referred to in subsection (b) shall be deemed to be a reference to the "National Model of Honor Highway."

Mr. Speaker

Speaker of the House of Representatives

APPROVED

DEC 17 2024

Patty Murray

President of the Senate pro tempore

R.B. Casey

John F. Kennedy

National Medal of Honor Highway Sign



10 Veterans Highways Completed (2009-2025)

- 9 across Oregon – 3,447 miles, 108 signs, 5 “firsts” in USA
- National MOH Hwy across USA – 3,365 miles. 94+ signs, a “first”
- Honor veterans and educate travelers
- Unified veterans groups, families, citizenry for noble causes
- 1 sign seen every 70 miles on average
- Oregon Gold Star and POW/MIA highways could become “National” highways a la Medal of Honor