

SCR 17 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Rules

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Meeting Dates: 6/2

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure celebrates the life and accomplishments of Colonel Richard Kidd, who lived from 1936 to 2024, and honors him for his service to his country.

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

REVENUE: No revenue impact

Senate Vote: Ayes, 29; Excused, 1

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Colonel Richard G. Kidd III, 88, a longtime Forest Grove resident, passed away on October 6, 2024. He was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, veteran, and community leader.

Colonel Kidd was born in Florida on February 12, 1936, as the first of seven children in a military family. He graduated from high school in 1954 in Japan and attended Valley College and the University of California, Riverside. He joined the United States Army in 1957 and served for 32 years. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War and received numerous honors.

On December 27, 1958, Colonel Kidd married Christine Fay. They celebrated 65 years of marriage. They moved to Oregon in 1971, and when Colonel Kidd transitioned to the Army Reserve, they made Forest Grove their permanent home. Colonel Kidd was deeply engaged in community service, serving a combined 25 years on the city council, on the City of Forest Grove's Planning Commission, and as mayor of Forest Grove. His leadership extended to the Forest Grove Elks Lodge #2440, and he was also a charter member of the Forest Grove Daybreak Rotary Club. He was instrumental in establishing the City of Forest Grove's Public Arts Commission and the Historic Landmarks Board.

In addition to his civic duties, Colonel Kidd was a two-time Chamber Citizen of the Year and received the Chamber's Lifetime Achievement Award in the spring of 2024. He volunteered for 15 years with the Washington County Habitat for humanity, serving as construction manager and board chair as well as founding the home repair program. His wide-ranging interests included photography, cooking, scuba diving, and flying as a licensed pilot. He enjoyed traveling with his wife, participating in the Forest Grove sister cities program, and making family visits to the east coast.

Colonel Kidd battled cancer in 2016 and entered remission for seven years before facing a return of the disease in 2023. Despite facing health challenges in his final years, he remained a pillar of strength and resilience. He was a loving husband and proud father and is survived by his wife, his son and daughter-in-law, his grandchild, and his siblings.