

HCR 39 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**Carrier:** Rep. Drazan**House Committee On Rules****Action Date:** 06/04/25**Action:** Be adopted with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)**Vote:** 7-0-0-0**Yeas:** 7 - Boshart Davis, Bowman, Drazan, Elmer, Kropf, Pham H, Valderrama**Fiscal:** No fiscal impact**Revenue:** No revenue impact**Prepared By:** Melissa Leoni, LPRO Analyst**Meeting Dates:** 6/4**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

The measure recognizes and honors Lieutenant Colonel Herb Doby (USAF), Second Lieutenant Dale Allen Perkins (USAR), First Lieutenant Patrick Leonard Woods (USAR), Staff Sergeant Donald Dean Brubaker (USAR), Lance Corporal Gary Kyle Kestler (USMC), Corporal Joel Lynn Gabriel (USAR), Private First Class Terry Allan Sundeen (USMC), Private First Class Charles Leroy Roberts (USMC), Private First Class Lewis Ray Dietz (USAR), Sergeant Dwight Hayes (USAR), Specialist Four Robert Dean Neasham (USAR), Staff Sergeant Warren Emery Newton (USAR), Private First Class Curtis Neil Evans (USAR), Lance Corporal Walter David Freeman (USMC), Airman Brian Lee Bushnell (USN), Private First Class Robert Wayne Clarke (USMC), Warrant Officer Allen Dean Perkins (USARV), Lance Corporal Steven Adrian Smith (USMC), and Private First Class Dale William Tolbert (USARV) for their service to their country.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Appreciation for bringing the resolution forward and taking the time to honor the service of these individuals this session
- The experience of Vietnam War veterans and honoring their service

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

The amendment adds 10 veterans to be recognized and honored by the resolution and revises the "whereas" clauses. The amendment adds Sergeant Dwight Hayes (USAR), Specialist Four Robert Dean Neasham (USAR), Staff Sergeant Warren Emery Newton (USAR), Private First Class Curtis Neil Evans (USAR), Lance Corporal Walter David Freeman (USMC), Airman Brian Lee Bushnell (USN), Private First Class Robert Wayne Clarke (USMC), Warrant Officer Allen Dean Perkins (USARV), Lance Corporal Steven Adrian Smith (USMC), and Private First Class Dale William Tolbert (USARV).

BACKGROUND:

The service and sacrifice of our nation's veterans have been instrumental in protecting the freedoms and liberties afforded to the people of the United States of America. Oregon has an illustrious tradition of honoring its veterans through official roadside memorials, but many of the veterans who have died to preserve the rights we cherish have not yet been honored with the recognition they deserve.

Lieutenant Colonel Herb Doby of Oregon City, who had an esteemed military career before joining the United States Air Force, was declared MIA during his service in Vietnam until his remains were identified on November 1, 1977.

Second Lieutenant Dale Allen Perkins of Oregon City, who was known for his selfless work with Korean orphans, died during his service in Vietnam on November 3, 1966.

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First Lieutenant Patrick Leonard Woods of Oregon City, who served in the Peace Corps in Indonesia and Thailand before enlisting with the United States Army, earned multiple accolades during his service in Vietnam before his death on December 24, 1968.

Staff Sergeant Donald Dean Brubaker of Oregon City, who selflessly took his brother's place when he enlisted in the United States Army, died in Vietnam on September 28, 1971, when the Third Air Cavalry base where he was stationed was overrun.

Lance Corporal Gary Kyle Kestler of Oregon City, a respected United States Marine, was killed in action on May 28, 1968, while holding a defensive position in Quang Tri, South Vietnam.

Corporal Joel Lynn Gabriel of Oregon City, a United States Army indirect fire infantryman, was killed by hostile small arms fire in Long Khanh, South Vietnam, on February 11, 1969.

Private First Class Terry Allan Sundeen of Oregon City, a machine gunner in the United States Marines, died during an accident on base in Da Nang, South Vietnam, on May 25, 1969.

Private First Class Charles Leroy Roberts of Oregon City, a rifleman in the United States Marines, died during an accident in Quang Tri, South Vietnam, on November 9, 1966.

Private First Class Lewis Ray Dietz of Portland, a United States Army cavalryman, was killed in action while stationed near Bien Hoa in Dong Nai Province, Vietnam, on February 14, 1966.

Sergeant Dwight Hayes of Oregon City, a United States Army field illumination crewman, died from injuries sustained during an accident in Phuoc Tuy Province, South Vietnam, on February 6, 1970.

Specialist Four Robert Dean Neasham of Canby, a United States Army heavy vehicle driver, died from a self-inflicted wound in Binh Dinh Province, South Vietnam, on October 13, 1968.

Staff Sergeant Warren Emery Newton of Canby, a helicopter repairman in the United States Army, died when his helicopter was shot down and exploded in Quang Tin Province, South Vietnam, on January 9, 1968, and he was declared MIA until his remains were recovered and identified in 2015.

Private First Class Curtis Neil Evans of Gladstone, a United States Army infantryman, died from small arms fire in Kon Tum Province, South Vietnam, on September 2, 1968.

Lance Corporal Walter David Freeman of Gladstone, a United States Marine Corps rifleman, died from small arms fire in Quang Nam Province, South Vietnam, on December 2, 1968.

Airman Brian Lee Bushnell of Tualatin, a structural mechanic in the United States Navy, died in a crash at sea in the Gulf of Tonkin, North Vietnam, on April 9, 1970.

Private First Class Robert Wayne Clarke of West Linn, a United States Marine Corps rifleman, died of wounds inflicted by an explosive device in Quang Tri Province, South Vietnam, on August 26, 1968.

Warrant Officer Allen Dean Perkins of West Linn, a helicopter pilot in the United States Army, died in a helicopter crash in Bien Hoa, Dong Nai Province, South Vietnam, on November 24, 1969.

Lance Corporal Steven Adrian Smith of West Linn, a United States Marine Corps rifleman, died of wounds inflicted by artillery, rocket, or mortar fire in Quang Tri Province, South Vietnam, on October 26, 1967.

Private First Class Dale William Tolbert of West Linn, a United States Army infantryman, died from multiple fragmentation wounds inflicted in Binh Duong Province, South Vietnam, on May 19, 1967.