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## SUMMARY

Recognizes and honors Specialist Cody James Patterson (1989-2013) for his service to his country.

## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Whereas Specialist Cody James Patterson was born on April 12, 1989, in Corvallis, to Randall Lee Patterson and Nancy Patterson Wilson; and

Whereas apart from his time in the military, Spc. Patterson was a lifelong resident of Oregon, living primarily in Philomath and Benton County, and grew up on Powder House Hill in Philomath as an active and happy little boy; and

Whereas Spc. Patterson attended Clemens Primary School, Philomath Middle School and Philomath High School and was an active member of the Peace Lutheran Church; and

Whereas while in high school, Spc. Patterson was captain of the football team, was honored as “Mr. PHS” for his community service activities and athletic achievements, and went out of his way to connect with his classmates and make friends; and

Whereas after graduating from high school in 2007, Spc. Patterson held several jobs while attending Linn-Benton Community College, where he studied such subjects as business, psychology, music and ultimate frisbee; and

Whereas Spc. Patterson enlisted in the United States Army in 2011 and shipped out for basic training on January 3, 2012, after celebrating what would be his last Christmas with his family in 2011; and

Whereas Spc. Patterson's military education included the Basic Airborne Course and the Ranger Assessment and Selection Program (RASP); and

Whereas after graduating from RASP, Spc. Patterson was assigned in November 2012 to Company B, 3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, where he served as a rifleman for both of his deployments to Afghanistan; and

Whereas Spc. Patterson was killed in action by an improvised explosive device that detonated while Spc. Patterson was conducting combat operations in support of Operation Enduring Freedom on October 6, 2013, in Kandahar Province, Afghanistan; and

Whereas when word broke of Spc. Patterson's fate, his hometown responded by lowering all flags to half-staff, and crowds lined the street the day he returned to Oregon for the last time; and

Whereas Spc. Patterson knew that serving his country is what he was meant to do and ultimately sacrificed his life to uphold his mission; and

Whereas Spc. Patterson was a role model for many in both civilian and military life, exhibiting intelligence, kindness and fearlessness; and

Whereas Spc. Patterson's awards and decorations include the National Defense Service Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal with Campaign Star, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon and the Overseas Service Ribbon, and he was posthumously promoted to the rank of Specialist and awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device, the Army Commendation Medal, the Purple Heart and the NATO Medal; and

Whereas Spc. Patterson will be remembered for his great sense of humor and as an individual who was humble, kind, generous and driven and who was loved by his family, his friends and his country; and

Whereas Spc. Patterson is survived by his mother, Nancy Wilson, his sisters, Nicole Patterson, Letitia Williams, Taylor Patterson and Mara Wilson, his brothers, Elijah Williams and Kapriel Wilson, his grandparents, Lucy and John Leach, and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews and the legions of friends he made wherever he went; now, there-

1 fore,

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

3 That we, the members of the Seventy-eighth Legislative Assembly, recog-  
4 nize and honor Specialist Cody James Patterson for his service to his coun-  
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