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Bentz Introduces Bill Honoring Memory of Spc. Mabry Anders

SALEM—Representative Cliff Bentz (R-Ontario) recently introduced House Bill 2981, which honors the late Army Specialist Mabry Anders, a Baker City native, by dedicating to him and his family an Oregon Highway Fallen Hero memorial.

Army Specialist Mabry James Anders was born on July 22, 1991, in Yuma, Arizona, and grew up in Baker City, Oregon where he attended Baker High School. He joined the U.S. Army in 2010 and was assigned to the 4th Special Troops Battalion, 4th Brigade Combat Team, and 4th Infantry Division out of Fort Carson, Colorado. After becoming an Army Specialist he was deployed on tour of duty to Afghanistan in March, 2010.

Specialist Anders was Killed In Action on August 27, 2012, by enemy fire in Kalagush, Afghanistan. He was just 21 years old.

His awards and decorations included: the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, the Army Achievement Medal, the Army Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal w/ Bronze Service Star, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon, the NATO Medal, the Combat Action Badge, and the Driver/Mechanic Badge.

Rep. Bentz said, “I was approached by Specialist Anders’ mother, Genevieve Woydziak, who asked if I would help in creating a memorial for her son, and I promised to bring legislation in 2015 to do so. Obviously, this is something we should do for Specialist Anders, who died serving Oregon and the United States of America.”

HB 2981 would allow the placement of a Fallen Hero sign on Oregon Route 7 near milepost 36 in Baker County, designating that section of highway as the “Mabry Anders Memorial Highway.” This is an area where Mabry used to spend time and his mother thinks that he would appreciate the selection of this spot for his remembrance.

House Bill 2981 has been scheduled for a public hearing on Wednesday, March 4th at 3:00 p.m. (PST) in Hearing Room E.

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