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## Bill Honoring the Late Spc. Mabry Anders Passes Out of House

SALEM— Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Oregon House of Representatives passed by unanimous vote House Bill 2981 honoring the late Army Specialist Mabry Anders, a native of Baker City. His parents, Genevieve and Troy Woydziak, and his grandparents, Greg and Ellie Woydziak, traveled to Salem from Baker City to support the passage of the bill.

Representative Cliff Bentz (R-Ontario) introduced House Bill 2981, which honors Spc. Mabry Anders by designating a portion of Oregon Route 7, in Baker County, as the “Mabry Anders Memorial Highway.”

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 4<sup>th</sup> Special Troops Battalion, 4<sup>th</sup> Brigade Combat Team, and 4th Infantry Division out of Fort Carson, Colorado. After becoming an Army Specialist he was deployed to Afghanistan. Specialist Anders died on August 27, 2012, when struck by enemy fire in Kalagush, Afghanistan. He was just 21 years old.

In his floor speech, Rep. Bentz said, “Colleagues, I am certain that you will join me in voting yes on this bill...but we cannot let this family leave us, we representatives of all of this great state of Oregon, without saying clearly how much we appreciate, even though most of us cannot begin to understand, their sacrifice. And although certainly warranted, the recognition of valor offered in HB 2981 is nowhere near what this family, or any family of one who has given his or her life for their country, deserves.”

A friend quoted Mabry as having said: “If you want to learn something in this life, learn how to live!” Rep. Bentz commented, “These are words we all should remember each and every day.”

Mrs. Woydziak, in a letter sent to Rep. Bentz, said, “Mabry was a pretty humble young man. And to tell you the truth he might even be a little embarrassed that so much trouble is being gone through on his behalf. But I also know he would be extremely proud.”

House Bill 2981 will now move on to the Oregon Senate, where it is expected to pass unanimously.

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