

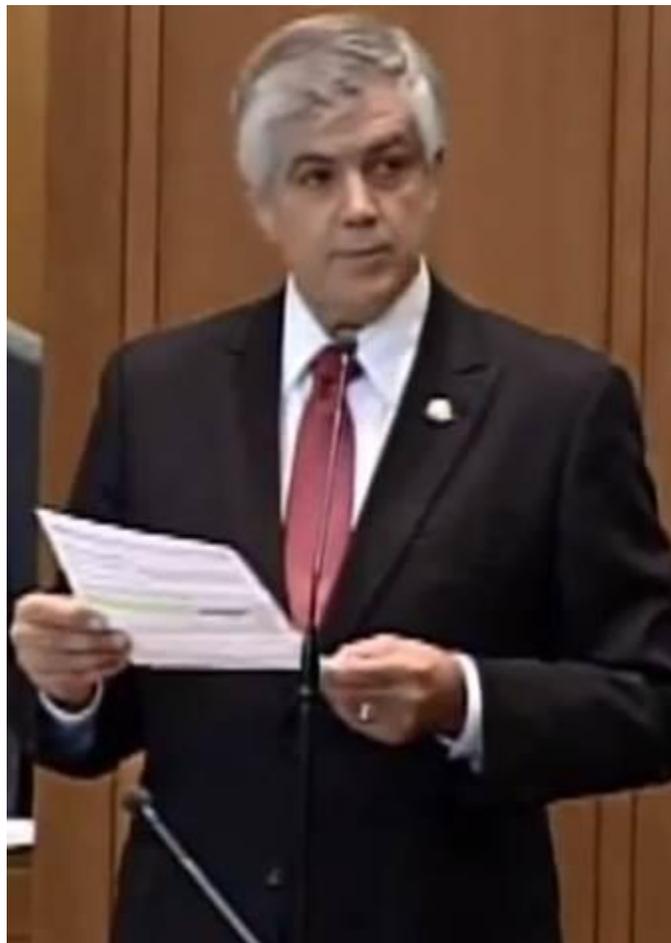


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*Video*

**Rep. Cliff Bentz on Army Specialist Mabry James Anders: Heroes Don't Wear Capes, They Wear Dog Tags**



**[www.youtube.com/watch?v=JN9Yqhym8e0&feature=youtu.be](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JN9Yqhym8e0&feature=youtu.be)**

The House of Representatives today unanimously passed [House Bill 2981](#), legislation that directs the Department of Transportation to erect and maintain a Fallen Hero roadside memorial sign for Army Specialist Mabry James Anders, who was killed in action while serving in Afghanistan during Operation Enduring Freedom.

During his remarks, HB 2981 chief sponsor Representative Cliff Bentz (R-Ontario), read excerpts from a letter written by Specialist Anders' parents, who shared their son's love for the outdoors and his fellow servicemen:

*"Mabry was a fun-loving young man. He lived his life to the fullest. He loved the outdoors, riding dirt bikes, off-roading in his Jeep, horseback riding, and flying helicopters.*

*"His humor, strong sense of friendship, encouragement and compassion touched many lives. Mabry was dedicated to his family, his friends and his brothers-in-arms. He loved serving his country and those he served with.*

*"A friend quoted Mabry as saying, 'If you want to learn something in this life, learn how to live.'"*

"Let us today promise that we in this Oregon House deeply appreciate the value and life you have given to the protection of our state and our nation. And we realize, as we vote, that the actions we take in this wonderful room - so peaceful and so quiet, so safe - are in great part possible because of the sacrifice made by your family and your son," said Rep. Bentz as he addressed Specialist Anders' parents and grandparents.

Immediately following Rep. Bentz's remarks, the House passed the bill to erect a Fallen Hero roadside memorial sign for Specialist Anders near milepost 36 on Oregon Route 7. Specialist Anders and his family also received a standing ovation from the House for Mabry's service and sacrifice.

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