

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 3

Whereas United States Marine Sergeant Ian M. Tawney was born on December 3, 1984, in Salem, Oregon, to John and Theda Chandler Tawney; and

Whereas Sergeant Tawney participated in a yearlong student exchange program in Argentina at the age of 15 and subsequently graduated from Dallas High School in Dallas, Oregon, in 2003; and

Whereas Sergeant Tawney enlisted in the United States Marine Corps on March 14, 2005, and married Ashley Stevenson of Dallas on July 30, 2005, in La Jolla, California; and

Whereas Sergeant Tawney became a squad leader and an instructor in firearms and martial arts, graduated at the top of his squad leader course and was recognized as the Honor Man of the class; and

Whereas during his fifth deployment, Sergeant Tawney was killed in the line of duty on October 16, 2010, in Sangin, Helmand Province, Afghanistan; and

Whereas among the awards Sergeant Tawney received are the Purple Heart, the Combat Action Ribbon, the Iraq Campaign Medal and the Navy Unit Commendation; and

Whereas Sergeant Tawney was posthumously awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal with Combat "V"; and

Whereas Sergeant Tawney was known for his courage and decisive leadership skills and was loved and respected by his family, fellow Marines and friends; and

Whereas Sergeant Tawney had a strong Christian faith and attended First Presbyterian Church in Dallas; and

Whereas Sergeant Tawney was an avid outdoors enthusiast and Oregon State University Beavers fan and enjoyed hunting, soccer, snowboarding, riding motorcycles and spending time with his dog, Quincy, and cats, Bobby and Tucker; and

Whereas Sergeant Tawney is survived by his wife, who was pregnant at the time of his death, his daughter, Claire Kathryn Tawney, who was born three months after his death, his parents, his brothers, Shayne Chandler and Jacob Tawney, his sisters, Stacy Barham, Karin Lamberton and Karla Cowan, his father-in-law, Mark Stevenson, his mother-in-law, Jennifer Jenkins, and her husband, Larry Jenkins, his brothers-in-law, Kyle and Hunter Stevenson, and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews and friends; now, therefore,

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

That we, the members of the Seventy-eighth Legislative Assembly, recognize and honor Sergeant Ian M. Tawney for his service to his country.

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