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Veterans Highway Dedication Bill Passes House Unanimously

Legislation Sponsored By Representative John Huffman Will Honor Generations Of Veterans

Salem, OR – Legislation seeking to dedicate several of Oregon’s border to border highways in honor of veterans groups passed the Oregon House of Representatives on a unanimous vote today.

Sponsored by Representative John Huffman (R-The Dalles), HB 2036 seeks to designate Highway 395 as the World War I Veterans Memorial Highway, Interstate 5 as the Korean War Veterans Memorial Highway and the Purple Heart Trail, and US Highway 101 as the Persian Gulf, Afghanistan and Iraq Veterans Memorial Highway.

“Thousands of Oregonians have bravely served our nation in foreign wars,” said Rep. Huffman. “I’m thankful for their immense sacrifices and I hope the dedication of these highways serves as a permanent reminder of their honor and service to our country. I’m humbled to have been a part of this process.”

Rep. Huffman has been involved in several previous highway dedication efforts. In 2009, he co-sponsored a bill designating Highway 97 to World War II veterans. In 2013, he sponsored legislation dedicating Interstate 84 as the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway, and in 2014, he supported a bill recognizing the thirty-five mile stretch of Highway 26 that runs through the Warm Springs Indian Reservation as the Warm Springs Veteran Memorial Highway.

Additional sponsors of HB 2036 include Rep. Cliff Bentz (R-Ontario), Rep. Knute Buehler (R-Bend), Rep. Mike McLane (R-Powell Butte), Rep. Gene Whisnant (R-Sunriver) and Rep. Gail Whitsett (R-Klamath Falls). The bill now moves to the Senate for consideration. It is expected to receive broad support and be signed into law upon passage by both chambers.

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