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Oregon Senate honors law enforcement officers for sacrifices

Four resolutions recognize personnel who gave their lives in the line of duty

SALEM – With four separate resolutions, the Oregon Senate today honored the service and sacrifice of four law enforcement personnel who gave their lives to make their communities, and this state, safer.

The four Senate Concurrent Resolutions passed unanimously and friends and family members of the four law enforcement professionals were in attendance. Sen. Floyd Prozanski (D-Eugene) and Sen. Betsy Johnson (D-Scappoose) carried the resolutions on the Senate floor.

- **Sergeant Jason Michael Goodding** was born in Portland in 1976 and was killed in the line of duty on Feb. 5, 2016. A Sherwood High School graduate, Goodding went on to earn a psychology degree from Portland State University. He was hired by the Seaside Police Department in 2003 and became a sergeant in 2007. During his service there, Goodding served as a mentor and leader who worked to improve the lives of the people of Clatsop County.

“Jason Goodding reflected the very best in community policing,” said Johnson, who carried the resolution recognizing Goodding. “Jason was the cop every town wanted to have on their police department.”

- **Deputy Roy Hugo Dirks** was born in 1936 and was killed in the line of duty on April 1, 1975. Born in Roseburg, Dirks graduated from Brookings-Harbor High School and joined the United States Army, serving as a boxer and military officer in Germany. In 1958, he went to work for the Eugene Police Department. In 1965, he joined the Lane County Sheriff’s Office as a motorcycle deputy in Cottage Grove. Dirks joined the LCSO

Detectives Unit in 1967 and, during that time, educated local youth about the dangers of drugs.

- **Deputy Carlton Edmund Smith** was born in 1932 in Salem and was killed in the line of duty on July 6, 1965. He graduated from Reedsport High School and served with the Springfield Police Department for two years. Later, he joined the Lane County Sheriff's Office and on his first day, lost his life in the line of duty one hour before the conclusion of his first shift. He was passionate and dedicated to his job, and passed those attributes down to his children, two of whom pursued careers in law enforcement.
- **Deputy Robert Milton Riley** was born in 1922 and was killed in the line of duty on Aug. 17, 1958. Born in Elkton, Riley attended Elkton High School. He was a member of Merrill's Marauders during World War II and joined the Eugene Police Department after returning from the war. Law enforcement became engrained in the family, as Riley's son went on to join the Eugene Police Department and currently serves as chief of the Latgawa Tribal Police.

"Many young men and women who serve in uniform also serve their communities in other ways, helping people to get off on the right foot. They truly care for their communities," Prozanski said. "We are honoring individuals who put their lives on the line at the call of duty, and gave the greatest sacrifice a person can give, to keep their communities safe."

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