

Enrolled
House Concurrent Resolution 2

Sponsored by Representative OLSON (Pre-session filed.)

Whereas Corporal Kory Wiens was born September 6, 1986, in Albany, Oregon, to Kevin and Judith Wiens; and

Whereas Corporal Wiens graduated from West Albany High School in 2005; and

Whereas Corporal Wiens enlisted in the United States Army in 2005; and

Whereas Corporal Wiens became a dog handler and worked alongside Cooper, a yellow Labrador retriever who specialized in explosive detection; and

Whereas when Corporal Wiens and Cooper first met, Cooper did not know simple obedience commands; and

Whereas Corporal Wiens trained Cooper and together they were able to master skills that enabled Cooper to sniff out TNT, detonation cords, smokeless powder, mortars and other weapons; and

Whereas Corporal Wiens was very proud of the work that he and Cooper accomplished together; and

Whereas Corporal Wiens had hopes of becoming a law enforcement officer and joining the K-9 unit; and

Whereas Corporal Wiens hoped to one day adopt Cooper after Cooper finished his military service; and

Whereas Corporal Wiens and Cooper served together in Camp Victory; and

Whereas on July 6, 2007, at the age of 20, Corporal Wiens and Cooper both made the ultimate sacrifice following an improvised explosive device attack; and

Whereas Corporal Wiens and Cooper are buried together in the Salt Creek cemetery in Polk County; and

Whereas Corporal Wiens is survived by Kevin Wiens Senior, Kevin Wiens Junior, Kyle Wiens, Lindsay Wiens and Patricia McAlister; and

Whereas Corporal Wiens absolutely loved life, his family, his friends and Cooper and was admired for his willingness to put others before himself; 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 Corporal Kory Wiens and Cooper for their service to this state.

Adopted by House April 7, 2015

Timothy G. Sekerak, Chief Clerk of House

Tina Kotek, Speaker of House

Adopted by Senate May 18, 2015

Peter Courtney, President of Senate