

# Senate Concurrent Resolution 3

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## SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Recognizes and honors Radarman 2nd Class Garry Bradbury Hodgson (1937-1969) for his service to his country.

## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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2       Whereas Radarman 2nd Class Garry Bradbury Hodgson was born on July 16, 1937, in Chewelah,  
3 Washington, to Jasper and Jean Hodgson; and

4       Whereas Radarman 2nd Class Hodgson grew up in Gladstone, Oregon, and he attended West  
5 Linn High School; and

6       Whereas Radarman 2nd Class Hodgson enlisted in the United States Navy, and his sea duty  
7 commenced in March 1960; and

8       Whereas Radarman 2nd Class Hodgson married Gwendolyn Chambers on January 22, 1966, and  
9 together they raised five children, Alan, Damon, Gari, Mark and Sean; and

10       Whereas Radarman 2nd Class Hodgson was an excellent radarman with a great sense of humor,  
11 and he was highly regarded by his shipmates, who knew him as "Hodge"; and

12       Whereas Radarman 2nd Class Hodgson began serving on the destroyer USS *Frank E. Evans* in  
13 1963; and

14       Whereas on June 3, 1969, the USS *Frank E. Evans*, while on a Southeast Asia Treaty Organ-  
15 ization maneuver, was struck by the aircraft carrier HMAS *Melbourne*; and

16       Whereas the USS *Frank E. Evans* was cut in half in the collision and 74 lives were lost, in-  
17 cluding Radarman 2nd Class Hodgson; and

18       Whereas although it was deployed in support of the Vietnam War effort, the USS *Frank E.*  
19 *Evans* was deemed to be operating outside of the designated "combat zone," therefore none of the  
20 74 crew members who lost their lives in the accident are honored on the Vietnam Veterans Memo-  
21 rial in Washington, D.C.; and

22       Whereas the USS *Frank E. Evans* Association has been working to erect memorials to honor  
23 each of the "Lost 74" in communities in their respective home states; and

24       Whereas American Legion Post 21 in McMinnville, Oregon, was selected as the location for a  
25 memorial in its rose garden to honor Radarman 2nd Class Hodgson and his fellow lost shipmates;  
26 and

27       Whereas on July 8, 2017, a dedication ceremony for the memorial honoring these 74 brave  
28 sailors was held, which included a gun salute by a color guard; and

29       Whereas Radarman 2nd Class Hodgson has been honored by Yamhill County and the City of  
30 McMinnville; and

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted.  
New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1       Whereas Radarman 2nd Class Hodgson was lost at sea, but a headstone memorial honors him  
2 in Willamette National Cemetery, and his name appears on the Oregon Vietnam Veterans Memorial;  
3 now, therefore,

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

5       That we, the members of the Eightieth Legislative Assembly, recognize and honor Radarman 2nd  
6 Class Garry Bradbury Hodgson for his service to his country; and be it further

7       Resolved, That we recognize and honor the gallant "Lost 74" of the USS *Frank E. Evans* who,  
8 on June 3, 1969, died in the service of their country and the defense of liberty.

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