

SENATE BILL REPORT

HJM 4011

As of February 20, 2018

Brief Description: Requesting that the United States Coast Guard name a Coast Guard cutter in honor of Petty Officer Matthew E. Schlimme.

Sponsors: Representatives Blake, Chapman, Lovick, Walsh, Kilduff, Tharinger and Muri.

Brief History: Passed House: 3/06/17, 98-0; 2/12/18, 98-0.

Committee Activity: State Government: 3/17/17, 3/29/17 [DP].
State Government, Tribal Relations & Elections: 2/19/18.

Brief Summary of Joint Memorial

- Requests that the United States Coast Guard name a Coast Guard cutter in honor of Petty Officer Schlimme.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Miloscia, Chair; Zeiger, Vice Chair; Hunt, Ranking Minority Member; Kuderer and Pearson.

Staff: Samuel Brown (786-7470)

SENATE COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, TRIBAL RELATIONS & ELECTIONS

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Background: Matthew E. Schlimme served as a Machinery Technician Third Class in the United States Coast Guard from 1993 until his death in 1997. He was stationed in New Jersey, Iowa, and La Push, Washington. He died on February 12, 1997, while participating in a rescue operation near the mouth of the Quillayute River. Petty Officer Schlimme was awarded the Coast Guard Medal posthumously.

Summary of Joint Memorial: The Legislature requests that the United States Coast Guard name a Coast Guard cutter in honor of Petty Officer Schlimme.

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Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Creates Committee/Commission/Task Force that includes Legislative members: No.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony (State Government): *Testimony from 2017 Regular Session.* PRO: The federal government is considering building new cutters, and Petty Officer Schlimme meets the qualifications for having one named after him. We hope Coast Guard leadership considers this request.

Persons Testifying (State Government): PRO: Representative Brian Blake, Prime Sponsor.

Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying (State Government): No one.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony (State Government, Tribal Relations & Elections): PRO: Matthew showed extraordinary heroism in responding to a call that a sailboat lost its mast and was floundering in 25 foot seas. He was awarded the Coast Guard Medal, and hopefully the Coast Guard will consider this request. He had a bright future ahead of him, and then was gone.

Persons Testifying (State Government, Tribal Relations & Elections): PRO: Representative Brian Blake, Prime Sponsor.

Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying (State Government, Tribal Relations & Elections): No one.