

# Senate Concurrent Resolution 208

Sponsored by Senator SHIELDS, Representatives DEMBROW, FREDERICK; Senators BURDICK, DEVLIN, DINGFELDER, GEORGE, HASS, MONNES ANDERSON, MONROE, OLSEN, ROSENBAUM, THOMSEN, Representatives BAILEY, BARKER, BOONE, DOHERTY, GILLIAM, HUNT, KENNEMER, KENY-GUYER, LINDSAY, NOLAN, PARRISH, READ, SCHAUFLER, SHEEHAN, WAND, WINGARD, WITT (Presession filed.)

## 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**.

In memoriam: Steven Apotheker, 1952-2011.

## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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2       Whereas Steven Apotheker lived his life in harmony with his values every day, serving as an  
3 environmental advocate and visionary and scholar of recycling; and

4       Whereas Steven Apotheker was born in Arlington, Virginia, to David and Mildred Apotheker  
5 on November 21, 1952, the oldest sibling of Jeffrey, Brent, Ruthann and Alison; and

6       Whereas Steven Apotheker graduated from high school in Wilmington, Delaware, where he  
7 earned the rank of Eagle Scout and participated actively in music, drama and varsity sports; and

8       Whereas Steven Apotheker earned a bachelor's degree in physics at Drew University in 1974  
9 and a master's degree in physics at the University of Illinois in 1977, where he was a leader in the  
10 anti-apartheid movement for university divestment from South Africa; and

11       Whereas Steven Apotheker began his involvement in recycling by co-founding the Community  
12 Recycling Center in Champaign-Urbana, Illinois, and directing it from 1978 to 1989; and

13       Whereas Steven Apotheker established the Illinois Association of Recycling Centers, helped or-  
14 ganize the Midwest Recycling Coalition, drafted statewide recycling and solid waste management  
15 legislation and served as the president of the Illinois Recycling Association from 1985 to 1987; and

16       Whereas Steven Apotheker was named Recycler of the Year in 1990 by the National Recycling  
17 Coalition; and

18       Whereas Steven Apotheker began courting Diane Meisenhelter in 1976 and married her in 1989;  
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20       Whereas the couple moved to Portland, Oregon, where their daughter, Jesse, was born in 1994;  
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22       Whereas Steven Apotheker was a founding member of the OnGoing Community, which has es-  
23 tablished over the past 22 years an urban farm on which the Apotheker homestead has served as a  
24 model for how to combine green building practices and Americans with Disabilities Act accessibility  
25 standards; and

26       Whereas Steven Apotheker worked at Resource Recycling, a national recycling magazine, for  
27 almost a decade, adding to his reputation as a leading researcher and policy analyst in the field of  
28 resource management; and

29       Whereas Steven Apotheker served for more than 13 years as a senior policy analyst at Metro,  
30 the regional government of the Portland metropolitan region, where his dedication to sustainability

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1 and the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions led him to establish Metro's Green Team for the  
2 purpose of improving the efficiency and sustainability of Metro's internal operations; and

3       Whereas Steven Apotheker won the National Recycling Coalition's Lifetime Achievement Award  
4 in 2007 and also received the Association of Oregon Recyclers' Individual Recycler of the Year  
5 Award in 2007; and

6       Whereas Steven Apotheker served on the Bottle Bill Task Force established by the Oregon  
7 legislature in 2007; and

8       Whereas Steven Apotheker's recommendations guided the legislature in substantially updating  
9 the Bottle Bill in 2011; and

10       Whereas Steven Apotheker served on the disabilities advisory committee for the Public Utility  
11 Commission; and

12       Whereas Steven Apotheker, during his time in public service, earned a reputation as a  
13 groundbreaker, an educator, a genius at data analysis and a person who inspired those around him  
14 to think more deeply and more rigorously about humanity's impact on the Earth; and

15       Whereas Steven Apotheker's influence was felt locally, regionally and nationally; and

16       Whereas Steven Apotheker's work on behalf of all Oregonians was only exceeded by his de-  
17 votion to his family, as he always made time to play basketball and softball with his daughter, to  
18 go dancing with his wife and to spend time in nature and travel the world with his family; and

19       Whereas Steven Apotheker died in Portland, Oregon, on Monday, June 20, 2011, after a valiant  
20 six-year battle against multiple system atrophy; and

21       Whereas Steven Apotheker, even though he inspired universal respect for his commitment and  
22 his intellectual leadership, will be remembered most fondly for his kindness, selflessness, patience,  
23 modesty and lively wit; and

24       Whereas the environment and the people of Oregon are better off today because of the work,  
25 warmth, compassion and dedication of Steven Apotheker; now, therefore,

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

27       That we, the members of the Seventy-sixth Legislative Assembly, express our gratitude for  
28 Steven Apotheker's lifelong commitment to the environment and humanity and for his selfless ser-  
29 vice on behalf of all Oregonians; and be it further

30       Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be presented with our condolences to Steven  
31 Apotheker's wife, Diane, his daughter, Jesse, and the rest of his family.

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