

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Be Adopted
Vote:	7 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Berger, Buckley, Esquivel, Hunt, Roblan, Thatcher, Rosenbaum
Nays:	-
Exc.:	-
Prepared By:	Jim Stenbridge, Administrator
Meeting Dates:	3/23

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Honors Robert Y. Thornton, 1910-2003, one of Oregon's most distinguished public servants of the 20th century.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Accomplishments of Robert Thornton, especially regarding Oregon's connections with Japan
- Role as one of the first judges on the new Oregon Court of Appeals
- Accomplishments of his wife, Dorothy

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: In an editorial dated December 4, 2003, the Eugene Register-Guard stated:

“During his long career in politics (he also served two years in the Oregon House) and the law, Thornton was never what anyone might regard as a flashy personality. He was a solid, predictable politician who earned the public's respect not because of the offices he held, but because of his steadiness and involvement in issues and efforts, such as having the state begin efforts to collect delinquent child support payments from parents.

“In short, Robert Thornton made his mark on Oregon history through his legal abilities, his longevity and his commitment. His was a career of hard work and caring. That's not a shabby epitaph for anyone.”

Robert Thornton died November 29, 2003 in Salem.