74th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2007 Regular Session

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee on Elections, Ethics and Rules

REVENUE: No revenue impact **FISCAL:** No fiscal impact

Action: Be Adopted **Vote:** 6 - 0 - 1

Yeas: Berger, Buckley, Esquivel, Roblan, Thatcher, Rosenbaum

Nays: - Exc.: Hunt

Prepared By: Jim Stembridge, Administrator

Meeting Dates: 5/7

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Urges Oregonians to commemorate Carl F. Flipper III for great achievements throughout his life.

MEASURE:

CARRIER:

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Rep. Esquivel

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Accomplishments of Carl Flipper
- Importance of honoring public service
- Social justice and human rights

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Carl F. Flipper III, an activist in North Portland, passed away on November 24, 2006. He was involved in numerous community organizations and served as president of the Buffalo Soldiers Historical Society, president of the Oregon Enterprise Forum, and president of the Portland chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Flipper's alma mater, Sangamon State University, is now the University of Illinois at Springfield.

Flipper's grand-uncle was Henry Ossian Flipper, who had been born into slavery on March 21, 1856 in Thomasville, Georgia, and, in 1877, became the first African-American graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point. Henry O. Flipper wrote a book about his experiences, *The Colored Cadet at West Point*.