74th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2007 Regular Session MEASURE: SCR 15

**CARRIER:** 

Rep. Rosenbaum

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:** Mourns the passing of Judge Mercedes Deiz on October 5, 2005, and honors her lifelong dedication to the community and to the legal profession.

## **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Accomplishments of Mercedes Deiz
- Importance of honoring public service
- Social justice and human rights
- Election and service of Judge Deiz

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** Mercedes Deiz became the first black female to become a lawyer in Oregon when she was admitted to the bar in 1960 and became the first woman of color to become a judge in Oregon when she was appointed as a district court judge in 1969. Tom McCall was Governor.