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: Mourns the passing of Judge Roosevelt Robinson on August 4, 2004 and honors the contributions he made to his community.

MEASURE:

CARRIER:

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Rep. Roblan

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- · Accomplishments of Roosevelt Robinson
- Importance of honoring public service
- Social justice and human rights
- Advocacy of drug court

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Born in Valdosta, Georgia and raised by his great-grandmother, Roosevelt Robinson was his high school's valedictorian. Robinson attended Southwestern Christian College in Terrell, Texas, before moving to Oregon to work for Nabisco, a division of Kraft Foods. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in sociology (cum laude) from the University of Portland and his J.D. from Lewis & Clark Law School. Roosevelt Robinson was appointed as a Multnomah County Circuit judge in 1995 and became one of two African Americans among Multnomah County's 37 circuit court judges. Working to increase the number of minority lawyers in Oregon, he was a founding member of the Association of Oregon Black Lawyers. Beginning in 2003, more than 140 individuals, law firms, judges, and legal associations have contributed to the Roosevelt Robinson Minority Scholarship Fund at Lewis and Clark Law School in Portland.