

**REVENUE: No revenue impact**

**FISCAL: No fiscal impact**

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<b>Action:</b>	Be Adopted
<b>Vote:</b>	7 - 0 - 0
<b>Yeas:</b>	Berger, Buckley, Esquivel, Hunt, Roblan, Thatcher, Rosenbaum
<b>Nays:</b>	-
<b>Exc.:</b>	-
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	6/19

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Congratulates a team of Portland seventh graders known as “Pigmice” for winning the 2007 Championship at FIRST LEGO League World Festival.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Pronunciation of the word “pigmice”
- Accomplishments of the team

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

**BACKGROUND:** LEGOs is the familiar brand of plastic interlocking brick toys, manufactured in Denmark since the 1950s, that can be combined in many creative ways. The latest innovations from LEGO allow the construction of unique motorized and computerized robotics.

FIRST LEGO League (FLL) is an international pre-engineering program for 9-14 year olds designed to excite kids about science and technology and have fun. Each team of 4-10 kids designs robots built out of LEGOs and programs them to do specific assigned tasks. Additionally, teams conduct and presents a research project. Each year, in mid-September, a new challenge based on real-world issues is announced and the teams have 3 months to prepare for their local competition. The top 20 percent of these teams then go onto state or national competition. The champions of those events are invited to the FLL World Festival.

Oregon’s FIRST LEGO League Team #1031, “The Pigmice,” won the 1<sup>st</sup> Place Champion’s Award at the FIRST LEGO League World Festival in Atlanta, Georgia on April 13<sup>th</sup>. Approximately 90,000 students in 49 countries participated in FLL this year. Of those, 94 teams from 22 countries advanced to the World Festival in Atlanta. Pigmice was judged to be the team that achieved the highest level across all categories and demonstrated outstanding gracious professionalism. The team chose the name “The Pigmice” in 2003, referring to a game that one of the members had made up. Over the years, Pigmice have come to be defined as: “genetically enhanced sewer rats that dwell in the garbage disposal.”