

# House Concurrent Resolution 11

Sponsored by Representative BONAMICI; Representatives BARNHART, BERGER, BEYER, BOONE, BOQUIST, BUCKLEY, CAMERON, CANNON, CLEM, COWAN, DALLUM, DINGFELDER, ESQUIVEL, FLORES, GALIZIO, GILLIAM, GIROD, HUNT, KRIEGER, MACPHERSON, MAURER, MERKLEY, MINNIS, MORGAN, NATHANSON, NELSON, NOLAN, RICHARDSON, RILEY, ROBLAN, SCHAUFLEER, P SMITH, TOMEI, WHISNANT, WITT, Senators AVAKIAN, BROWN, L GEORGE, JOHNSON, NELSON

## SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

In memoriam: Michael T. Muniz, 1952-2006.

## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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2       Whereas Michael T. Muniz was a respected preeminent practitioner in the field of immigration  
3 law for over 25 years, dedicated to serving the less fortunate and sharing his expertise with col-  
4 leagues and law students; and

5       Whereas Michael T. Muniz practiced all aspects of immigration law, including business immi-  
6 gration, family immigration, citizenship, deportation and employment sanctions, representing hun-  
7 dreds of clients before the Immigration Service, the Immigration Court, the Board of Immigration  
8 Appeals, the Legalization Appeals Unit and the United States District Court; and

9       Whereas Michael T. Muniz earned a B.A. in Political Science from the University of California,  
10 Santa Barbara, in 1974 and a J.D. from the Lewis and Clark Law School in 1978, and was honored  
11 with a Reginald Heber Smith Community Law Fellowship in 1980; and

12       Whereas Michael T. Muniz spent 11 years working for legal services programs focusing on im-  
13 migration, disability, farm workers' rights, economic development and senior citizen issues; and

14       Whereas Michael T. Muniz was a director of the farm worker programs at both Oregon Legal  
15 Services and the Immigration Project at California Rural Legal Assistance, also teaching as an ad-  
16 junct professor in Immigration Law at Lewis and Clark Law School and the University of Oregon  
17 Law School, and providing training to Qualified Designated Entities in conjunction with the Immi-  
18 gration and Naturalization Service; and

19       Whereas Michael T. Muniz opened his solo practice with offices in Portland and Salem in 1997,  
20 while publishing many articles and becoming a highly regarded speaker on immigration law at  
21 Continuing Legal Education sessions; and

22       Whereas Michael T. Muniz was a consulting attorney to the Mexican Consulate in Portland, a  
23 founding board member of Scholarships for Oregon Latinos and provider of pro bono legal advice  
24 to nonprofit organizations; and

25       Whereas Michael T. Muniz received the Gerald H. Robinson Excellence in Advocacy Award  
26 from the American Immigration Lawyers, Oregon Chapter, being described by his friends as "a man  
27 that walked the talk"; and

28       Whereas throughout his life Michael T. Muniz believed in opening doors for others and was  
29 devoted to assisting Hispanic students in their education, and serving as mentor, friend and ally to  
30 many in the community, before passing away on September 30, 2006; now, therefore,

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 **Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:**

2       That we, the members of the Seventy-fourth Legislative Assembly, recognize and express our  
3 appreciation for Michael T. Muniz's legacy of commitment and devotion to his community and his  
4 life's work on behalf of many Oregonians and the State of Oregon.

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