

House Resolution 2

Sponsored by Representative G SMITH

SUMMARY

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Designates counties east of Cascades as Oregon's Rugged Country.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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2 Whereas the territory that lies to the East of the Cascades and extends from the Columbia River
3 plateau to the highlands of the Blue Mountains is Oregon's Rugged Country; and

4 Whereas Oregon's Rugged Country possesses scenic attractions ranging from high desert
5 sunrises to powerful, rushing rivers, from mountaintop viewpoints to never-ending plateau vistas;
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7 Whereas Oregon's Rugged Country has allowed distinct lifestyles to flourish and a people to
8 preserve a diverse cultural history; and

9 Whereas Oregon's Rugged Country can claim cowboys and rodeos, farmers and ranchers,
10 small-town cafes and Native American powwows, county fairs and cattle drives, hunting and fishing;
11 and

12 Whereas Oregon's Rugged Country is experiencing a rebirth as a unique destination, offering a
13 safe and welcoming place that encourages a relationship with its country and people; and

14 Whereas Oregon's Rugged Country will continue to attract settlers and tourists who have the
15 courage to explore Oregon's vast and challenging forgotten frontier; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Oregon:

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17 That we, the members of the House of Representatives of the Seventy-fourth Legislative As-
18 sembly, recognize Baker, Grant, Harney, Malheur, Morrow, Umatilla, Union and Wallowa Counties
19 as Oregon's Rugged Country.
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