

A-Engrossed
Senate Concurrent Resolution 12

Ordered by the Senate March 29
Including Senate Amendments dated March 29

Sponsored by Senator GORDLY

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.

In memoriam: Abdul Halim Rahsaan, 1943-2006.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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2 Whereas Abdul Halim Rahsaan, formerly known as William Earl Cross, was born on May 12,
3 1943, and passed away on July 7, 2006; and

4 Whereas after graduating from Jefferson High School in 1961, Abdul Halim Rahsaan enlisted in
5 the United States Army and was honorably discharged; and

6 Whereas Abdul Halim Rahsaan attended Southern Illinois University and Lewis and Clark Col-
7 lege where he received numerous certificates and honors; and

8 Whereas Abdul Halim Rahsaan began boxing at the Knott Street Community Center where his
9 boxing team, the Knott Street Boxing Club, won three national titles; and

10 Whereas the Knott Street Boxing Club, of which Abdul Halim Rahsaan was a member, was in-
11 ducted into the Oregon Sports Hall of Fame in 2005; and

12 Whereas Abdul Halim Rahsaan counseled youth about the importance of staying in school and
13 pursuing higher education; and

14 Whereas Abdul Halim Rahsaan motivated young people in recovery and in the juvenile justice
15 system to rebuild their lives; and

16 Whereas Abdul Halim Rahsaan was a leader who stood and fought against inferior education,
17 police brutality, housing discrimination and unemployment; and

18 Whereas Abdul Halim Rahsaan will be remembered for his melodic singing of the black national
19 anthem "Lift Every Voice and Sing"; and

20 Whereas Abdul Halim Rahsaan's courage, perserverance, leadership, pride in his African herit-
21 age and love for his community was an inspiration to many; now, therefore,

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

23 That we, the members of the Seventy-fourth Legislative Assembly, express our deep condolences
24 to the family of Abdul Halim Rahsaan.

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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.