

Enrolled
Senate Concurrent Resolution 12

Sponsored by Senator GORDLY

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

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

Whereas Abdul Halim Rahsaan attended Southern Illinois University and Lewis and Clark College where he received numerous certificates and honors; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

Whereas Abdul Halim Rahsaan's courage, perseverance, leadership, pride in his African heritage and love for his community was an inspiration to many; now, therefore,

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

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

Adopted by Senate April 5, 2007

Secretary of Senate

President of Senate

Adopted by House May 10, 2007

Speaker of House