

Senate Concurrent Resolution 8

Sponsored by Senators GORDLY, BROWN, WESTLUND; Senator FERRIOLI, Representative DALLUM (at the request of Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs)

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**.

Honors Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs elder Gladys Miller Thompson for her contribution to preserving Native languages of Oregon.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Whereas Gladys Miller Thompson has devoted her life in service to her fellow tribal members of the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon; and

Whereas Gladys Thompson was born in the Tenino Valley on the Warm Springs Indian Reservation on January 1, 1915, to Carrie Jane John and Thomas Miller and learned *Kiksht*, the language of the Wasco people, from her Wasco father's parents, Margaret and Tomar Handley, who raised her with a love of Native language; and

Whereas Gladys Thompson also became fluent in *Ichishkiin*, the *Sahaptin* language of the Columbia Plateau spoken by her mother; and

Whereas Gladys Thompson is currently teaching *Kiksht* to her grandchildren and to many members of the Warm Springs Tribes and is one of three surviving fluent *Kiksht* speakers; and

Whereas Gladys Thompson has served her people as a revered teacher of *Kiksht* in the Warm Springs Tribal Language Program from its inception to this day, including teaching linguists Robert Moore and Hank Millstein; and

Whereas Gladys Thompson has served her people for over a quarter century as a Wasco member of the Warm Springs Cultural and Heritage Committee, and her dedication to the preservation of Indian ways has been a source of inspiration for members of the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon and will benefit future generations; and

Whereas Gladys Thompson worked for passage of Senate Bill 690, the Native language teacher certification bill, in 2001, and is the expert responsible for certifying teachers of *Kiksht*; and

Whereas Gladys Thompson has 26 grandchildren, 78 great-grandchildren, and 23 great-great-grandchildren, many of whom, due to her dedication and guidance, are now faithfully working to preserve *Kiksht*, the language of the Wasco people; now, therefore,

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

That we, the members of the Seventy-fourth Legislative Assembly, honor the contribution of Gladys Miller Thompson to preserve the culture of the Wasco Tribe and recognize her significant accomplishments to ensure the survival of *Kiksht* and *Ichishkiin*, two of the great Native languages of Oregon; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be presented to Gladys Miller Thompson and to the Tribal Council of the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon.

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.