

Enrolled
House Concurrent Resolution 101

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS, ETHICS AND RULES (at the request of House Interim Committee on Elections, Ethics and Rules)

Whereas the Seventy-fourth Legislative Assembly recognizes that the Salem-Keizer Volcanoes professional baseball team is a unique asset to the Mid-Willamette Valley; and

Whereas owners Jerry and Lisa Walker and Bill and Dolores Tucker pledged in 1996 to do everything within their power to bring championship baseball to the Mid-Willamette Valley, and have consistently done so; and

Whereas the 2007 Salem-Keizer Volcanoes won the Northwest League's Western Division Championship by 19-1/2 games and established a new league record by ending the season 38 games over .500; and

Whereas the 2007 Salem-Keizer Volcanoes became the most successful team in the 53-year history of the Northwest League of Professional Baseball with 57 regular season wins, breaking their own league record of 55 regular season wins set in 2006; and

Whereas the Salem-Keizer Volcanoes won the Northwest League Championship in back-to-back seasons, in 2006 and 2007, to accompany their League Championships in 1998 and 2001; and

Whereas the Volcanoes' 2006 and 2007 season winning percentages of .724 and .750, respectively, were the best in all of professional baseball in the United States; and

Whereas the Volcanoes were voted the 2007 National Minor League Team of the Year out of 184 total minor league teams across America; and

Whereas according to a National Association of Professional Baseball study, the Salem-Keizer Volcanoes contribute to and strengthen our local economic vitality in an amount exceeding \$4 million annually; and

Whereas the Salem-Keizer Volcanoes are an important and integral part of the Mid-Willamette Valley community and have committed themselves to vital partnerships and events that strengthen our families and neighborhoods, including Crater's Grand Slam Elementary Reading Program serving and rewarding 12,000 students in meeting their reading goals, Red Cross blood drives at the stadium, Crater's Toy Drive for presents for underprivileged children, back to school supplies night for underprivileged children, Striking Out Meth in Marion County, Cancer Awareness Weekend honoring over 300 cancer survivors, and many more community events; and

Whereas the Salem-Keizer Volcanoes have forged an outstanding and well-respected relationship with the San Francisco Giants and have consistently kept their pledge to provide good, clean-cut, wholesome family entertainment each and every game; now, therefore,

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

That we, the members of the Seventy-fourth Legislative Assembly, in special legislative session assembled, declare opening day, June 17, 2008, as Salem-Keizer Volcanoes Baseball Day in recognition of the outstanding success and contributions of the Salem-Keizer Volcanoes both on and off the field.

Adopted by House February 18, 2008

Chief Clerk of House

Speaker of House

Adopted by Senate February 22, 2008

President of Senate