

# House Joint Memorial 101

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS, ETHICS AND RULES (at the request of House Interim Committee on Workforce and Economic Development)

## 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**.

Urges designation of Silver Falls State Park as national park.

## JOINT MEMORIAL

To the President of the United States and the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, and the Secretary of the United States Department of the Interior:

We, your memorialists, the Seventy-fourth Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon, in special legislative session assembled, respectfully represent as follows:

Whereas nestled in the lower elevation of Oregon's Cascade Mountains lies a temperate rain forest in which Silver Falls State Park is located; and

Whereas Silver Falls State Park spans more than 8,700 acres and boasts more than 22 miles of trails; and

Whereas Silver Falls State Park contains the Trail of Ten Falls (Canyon Trail) that is a nationally recognized trail system that leads hikers along the banks of the north and south forks of Silver Creek; and

Whereas the trail takes hikers past 10 majestic waterfalls, ranging from the 177-foot tall South Falls to the 27-foot tall Drake Falls, with four of the 10 falls having an amphitheater-like surrounding that allows hikers to walk behind the falls and feel the misty, crisp spray; and

Whereas the Oregon Cascades Birding Trail winds through Silver Falls State Park, allowing birders to watch lowland old growth conifer forest species such as grouse, woodpeckers, sapsuckers, tanagers, thrushes and a variety of owls; and

Whereas Silver Falls State Park has an abundance of wildlife, from chipmunks to bears to mountain lions; and

Whereas Crater Lake National Park is Oregon's only national park despite Oregon's hundreds of miles of rugged, scenic coastline, majestic mountains, deserts and old growth forests; and

Whereas the mission of the National Park Service is to preserve unimpaired the natural and cultural resources and values of the national park system for the enjoyment, education and inspiration of this generation and future generations; now, therefore,

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

That the Congress of the United States is urged to pass, and the President of the United States is urged to sign, legislation making Silver Falls State Park a national park and adding it to the national park system; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this memorial shall be sent to the President of the United States, to

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1 each member of the Oregon Congressional Delegation and to the Secretary of the United States  
2 Department of the Interior.  
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