

**Enrolled**  
**Senate Concurrent Resolution 22**

Sponsored by Senator WALKER; Senator PROZANSKI, Representatives BEYER, BONAMICI, HOLVEY, SHIELDS, WITT (Pre-session filed.)

Whereas Lucy Lahr was born on August 23, 1962, and passed away in Eugene on October 18, 2007; and

Whereas Lucy Lahr, after graduating from Southern Oregon State College in 1984 with a degree in political science, started working for Adult and Family Services for the State of Oregon as an eligibility worker in 1985 and dedicated her life to helping others through public service; and

Whereas Lucy Lahr was respected by coworkers, management and administrators as a dedicated, effective and caring social worker who inspired her clients to identify and achieve their goals for a better life for themselves and their children; and

Whereas Lucy Lahr advanced her skills and knowledge to become a case manager, a lead worker and a family support specialist for drug addicted pregnant women; and

Whereas Lucy Lahr met the challenges of a hearing representative for the Department of Human Services as a compliance specialist by resolving client issues, ensuring fairness in agency actions and representing the Department of Human Services in contested case hearings; and

Whereas Lucy Lahr led her union, the Service Employees International Union Local 503, and served in elected office as a bargaining delegate, district director and president of the Welfare Office Workers Council of Oregon Public Employees Union; and

Whereas Lucy Lahr helped campaign to increase and index the Oregon minimum wage through two successful ballot initiatives; and

Whereas Lucy Lahr was a leader in the Eugene-Springfield Solidarity Network and helped spearhead the effort to secure living wage standards in the city of Eugene and in Lane County, as well as guarantee protections for workers in the community standards campaign in Lane County; and

Whereas Lucy Lahr continued her work for economic justice within her union by organizing and leading a campaign for higher pay for the human service specialist IV workers and by working on the living wage campaign in 2007 that sought to bring the lowest paid state workers above the poverty line; and

Whereas Lucy Lahr was a leader in the Lane County Central Labor Council and served on its executive board for a number of years; and

Whereas Lucy Lahr believed in the value of accountability at all levels of the workplace, organization or institution and had no problem reminding even a Governor of the Governor's responsibility to state workers; and

Whereas Lucy Lahr was a strong labor advocate who believed in the dignity of all work, who fought for workers' rights in many venues and who lived her values by participating in countless labor actions, social justice, human rights and political campaigns; and

Whereas Lucy Lahr had an extraordinary capacity to love and a tremendous commitment to helping anyone in need; and

Whereas Lucy Lahr maintained strong family ties and was devoted to her life partner, Susan Wehner, whom she married on March 11, 2004, in Portland; 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, express our deepest sympathy to Lucy Lahr's life partner, Susan Wehner, to Lucy Lahr's family and to all her friends; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be presented to the life partner of Lucy Lahr and to the family of Lucy Lahr as an expression of our condolences.

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Adopted by Senate February 14, 2008

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Secretary of Senate

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President of Senate

Adopted by House February 21, 2008

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Speaker of House