

Senate Concurrent Resolution 22

Sponsored by Senator WALKER (Presession filed.)

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**.

In memoriam: Lucy Lahr, 1962-2007.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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2 Whereas Lucy Lahr was born on August 23, 1962, and passed away in Eugene on October 18,
3 2007; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

30 Whereas Lucy Lahr believed in the value of accountability at all levels of the workplace, or-
31 ganization or institution and had no problem reminding even a Governor of the Governor's respon-
32 sibility to state workers; and

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.

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

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

6 Whereas Lucy Lahr maintained strong family ties and was devoted to her life partner, Susan
7 Wehner, whom she married on March 11, 2004, in Portland; now, therefore,

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

9 That we, the members of the Seventy-fourth Legislative Assembly, in special legislative session
10 assembled, express our deepest sympathy to Lucy Lahr's life partner, Susan Wehner, to Lucy Lahr's
11 family and to all her friends; and be it further

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

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