

## Senate Concurrent Resolution 23

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### 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**.

Recognizes and honors present and future role played by Oregon families that continuously own and operate same Oregon farm or ranch for 150 or more years.

### CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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2 Whereas the Oregon Century Farm and Ranch Program was founded in 1958 and is administered  
3 through the Oregon Agricultural Education Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization; and

4 Whereas the mission of the Oregon Century Farm and Ranch Program is to generate pride and  
5 a greater public awareness of the role family-owned farms and ranches play in the economic and  
6 social vitality of Oregon; and

7 Whereas the Oregon Century Farm and Ranch Program honors families that have continuously  
8 owned and operated the same farms and ranches for 100 or more years; and

9 Whereas there are more than 1,075 farm and ranch families that have achieved that 100-year  
10 milestone; and

11 Whereas century farms and ranches are located in all but one of Oregon's counties; and

12 Whereas Oregon Century Farm and Ranch Program families receive a certificate of acknowl-  
13 edgement from the Governor and the Director of Agriculture; and

14 Whereas colorful road signs are available for display by century farms and ranches; and

15 Whereas the Oregon Century Farm and Ranch Program provides people of all ages with  
16 knowledge and awareness of the social and economic impact of agriculture; and

17 Whereas the Oregon Century Farm and Ranch Program acknowledges the role that family farms  
18 and ranches play in providing stability to their communities; and

19 Whereas the Oregon Century Farm and Ranch Program has become a storyteller for Oregon's  
20 farm and ranch families; and

21 Whereas all of the Oregon Century Farm and Ranch Program's accompanying documentation  
22 and photos are included in the Oregon Historical Society research library; and

23 Whereas the documentation and photos provide valuable information about settlement patterns,  
24 livestock and crop choices and the history of Oregon farming and ranching; and

25 Whereas the Oregon Century Farm and Ranch Program reflects the image of Oregon independ-  
26 ence and self-sufficiency; and

27 Whereas there are now families that have continuously owned and operated the same Oregon  
28 farms and ranches for more than 150 years; and

29 Whereas the Oregon Century Farm and Ranch Program also recognizes and honors farm and  
30 ranch families that have continuously owned and operated the same Oregon farms and ranches for

**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.

1 150 or more years; now, therefore,

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

3 That we, the members of the Seventy-fourth Legislative Assembly, in special legislative session  
4 assembled, recognize and honor the important present and future role in this state played by Oregon  
5 families that continuously own and operate the same Oregon farm or ranch for 150 or more years.

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