

Enrolled
Senate Concurrent Resolution 26

Sponsored by Senator COURTNEY; Senators WALKER, WINTERS, Representatives BONAMICI, BOONE, CLEM (Pre-session filed.)

Whereas Audrey Owen McCall, lifelong Oregonian and wife of legendary Governor Tom McCall, was born on February 26, 1915, in Spokane, Washington, and passed away on November 15, 2007; and

Whereas Audrey McCall, daughter of an eastern Washington grocer, grew up to be self-reliant and strong-willed, with an ambition to survive on her own; and

Whereas Audrey McCall attended college at Washington State University in Pullman, Washington, where she studied home economics; and

Whereas Audrey and Tom McCall were married after a brief courtship on May 20, 1939, and maintained a 44-year marriage and trusted partnership; and

Whereas Audrey McCall became a young mother of two bright and vibrant sons, Thomas "Tad" McCall, Jr., and Samuel McCall; and

Whereas Audrey McCall was referred to as the "family rudder, the symbol of discipline and authority," and devoted her life to the family; and

Whereas Audrey McCall was the state's first lady and full partner with Governor McCall from 1967 to 1975, a time when Oregon was recognized as a leader for its social and environmental innovations; and

Whereas Audrey McCall gained a reputation as the reserved but influential wife of one of Oregon's most colorful leaders and was as committed as her husband to making Oregon a better place for all its residents; and

Whereas, after the death of her husband, Audrey McCall became an independent voice and political force in her own right as she worked to carry on Governor McCall's legacy; and

Whereas Audrey McCall dedicated much of her time and fundraising skills to bipartisan candidates and public policy issues that were important to her, including a statewide ballot measure that would have expanded the Bottle Bill; and

Whereas for years after Governor McCall's death, Audrey McCall lived in the family home in southwest Portland, where she maintained a much-admired garden and hosted political and charitable events; and

Whereas Audrey McCall spent her final months of good health helping plan and raise funds for a bronze statue of Governor McCall to be situated on the banks of the Willamette River in Salem as a fitting tribute to her beloved husband and Oregon's celebrated son; and

Whereas Audrey McCall was buried at a quiet ceremony on November 24, 2007, at Redmond, Oregon, with family and close friends at hand, to be laid to rest beside her husband and son, Samuel, in a simple family plot; 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 deep respect and gratitude for Audrey McCall's commitment and support as a strong partner to Governor McCall, and for her dedication and passion as a public servant working toward a better Oregon for all its residents; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to Audrey McCall's son, Thomas "Tad" McCall, Jr., of Arlington, Virginia, and to her sister, Phyllis Royer, of Kennewick, Washington.

Adopted by Senate February 14, 2008

Secretary of Senate

President of Senate

Adopted by House February 21, 2008

Speaker of House