

# Senate Concurrent Resolution 26

Sponsored by Senator COURTNEY; Senator WINTERS (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: Audrey Owen McCall, 1915-2007.

## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

15       Whereas Audrey McCall was the state's first lady and full partner with Governor McCall from  
16 1967 to 1975, a time when Oregon was recognized as a leader for its social and environmental in-  
17 novations; and

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

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

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

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

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

32       Whereas Audrey McCall was buried at a quiet ceremony on November 24, 2007, at Redmond,

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1 Oregon, with family and close friends at hand, to be laid to rest beside her husband and son, Samuel,  
2 in a simple family plot; now, therefore,

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

4 That we, the members of the Seventy-fourth Legislative Assembly, in special legislative session  
5 assembled, express our deep respect and gratitude for Audrey McCall's commitment and support as  
6 a strong partner to Governor McCall, and for her dedication and passion as a public servant work-  
7 ing toward a better Oregon for all its residents; and be it further

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

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