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Senate Joint Resolution 42

Sponsored by Senator FERRIOLI; Senators ATKINSON, AVAKIAN, BATES, BROWN, BURDICK, CARTER, COURTNEY, DEVLIN, G GEORGE, L GEORGE, GIROD, GORDLY, HASS, JOHNSON, KRUSE, METSGER, MONNES ANDERSON, MONROE, MORRISETTE, MORSE, NELSON, PROZANSKI, SCHRADER, STARR, VERGER, WALKER, WESTLUND, WHITSETT, WINTERS, Representative DINGFELDER (Presession filed.)

Whereas the Civilian Conservation Corps, commonly known as the CCC, was an independent federal agency that deserves recognition for its lasting contribution to natural resources conservation and infrastructure improvements on public lands in the United States and for its outstanding success in providing employment and training to thousands of Americans; and

Whereas March 31, 2008, is the 75th anniversary of the signing by President Franklin D. Roosevelt of the law historically known as the Emergency Conservation Work Act, a precursor to the 1937 law that established the CCC; and

Whereas between 1933 and 1942 the CCC provided employment and vocational training in the conservation and development of natural resources, the protection of forests and the construction and maintenance of military reservations to more than 3 million men, including unemployed youths, more than 250,000 veterans of the Spanish-American War and World War I and more than 80,000 Native Americans; and

Whereas the CCC coordinated a mobilization of men, material and transportation on a scale never previously known in a time of peace; and

Whereas the CCC managed more than 4,500 camps in the then 48 states and Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands; and

Whereas the CCC left a legacy of natural resources conservation and infrastructure improvements that included more than 3 billion new trees, 46,854 bridges, 3,980 restored historical structures, 800 state parks, 3,462 improved beaches, 405,037 signs, markers and monuments, 8,045 wells and pump houses and 63,256 other structures; and

Whereas the benefits of many CCC projects are still enjoyed by Americans today in national and state parks and forests and other public lands, including the United States National Arboretum in the District of Columbia, Bandelier National Monument in New Mexico, Great Smoky Mountains National Park in North Carolina and Tennessee, Yosemite National Park in California, Acadia National Park in Maine, Rocky Mountain National Park in Colorado, Vicksburg National Military Park in Mississippi and, in Oregon, Crater Lake National Park, Silver Creek Falls State Park, Oregon Caves National Monument and the Tillamook Burn Rehabilitation; and

Whereas the CCC provided a foundation of self-confidence, responsibility, discipline, cooperation, communication and leadership for its participants through education, training and hard work, and participants made many lasting friendships in the CCC; and

Whereas the CCC demonstrated the commitment of the United States to the conservation of land, water and other natural resources nationally and to leadership on public conservation efforts globally; and

Whereas the conservation of Oregon's land, water and other natural resources is still an important goal of the American people; 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, join in designating March 31 of each year as Oregon Civilian Conservation Corps Day; and be it further

Resolved, That the members of the Seventy-fourth Legislative Assembly, in special legislative session assembled, call on the people of the State of Oregon to observe the day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Adopted by Senate February 12, 2008

Secretary of Senate

President of Senate

Adopted by House February 18, 2008

Speaker of House