

Senate Joint Resolution 42

Sponsored by Senator FERRIOLI; Senators G GEORGE, NELSON, WINTERS (Pre-session 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**.

Designates March 31 of each year as Oregon Civilian Conservation Corps Day.

JOINT RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

32 Whereas the CCC demonstrated the commitment of the United States to the conservation of

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1 land, water and other natural resources nationally and to leadership on public conservation efforts
2 globally; and

3 Whereas the conservation of Oregon's land, water and other natural resources is still an im-
4 portant goal of the American people; now, therefore,

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

6 That we, the members of the Seventy-fourth Legislative Assembly, in special legislative session
7 assembled, join in designating March 31 of each year as Oregon Civilian Conservation Corps Day;
8 and be it further

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

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