

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

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Action: Be Adopted  
Vote: 5 - 0 - 3  
Yeas: Bentz, Gilliam, Holvey, Thatcher, Read  
Nays: 0  
Exc.: Bailey, Galizio, Witt  
Prepared By: Barbara Allen, Administrator  
Meeting Dates: 4/16

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Expresses appreciation for Mary Alice Ford's (April 23, 1935 — Nov. 27, 2008) service to the State of Oregon.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Representative Ford's numerous awards and her distinguished career as a leader on issues involving human services, seniors and mental illness
- Representative Ford's reputation for working across the aisle to reach goals and her accessible, kind and encouraging nature

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** A Republican activist and eight-term Oregon legislator, Mary Alice Ford earned her BA from Stanford University and in 1957 married William Ford, who worked in the lumber industry.

Her political career in Oregon began when she was appointed to fill Mike Ragsdale's Beaverton-area House District 6 seat in the Oregon House of Representatives. She went on to serve in the Oregon Legislature from 1981 to 1995. During her legislative service, she chaired the House Human Resources Committee and served on the Governor's Commission on Drunk Driving, the Oregon Task Force Against Domestic Violence, the Family Planning Advocates Board, the Oregon Commission on Child Care, the Governor's Commission on Senior Services, the Oregon Health Sciences University President's Advisory Board, the Center for Research on Occupational and Environmental Toxicology, the Health Systems Agency Regional Board and chaired the Washington County Republican Party. She also served, during the Reagan administration, as chairwoman of the U.S. Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board.

She was a recipient of the City of Beaverton Distinguished Service Award, the AARP Outstanding Legislator of the Year, Oregon Commission for Women Woman of the Year, the Oregon Developmental Disabilities Council Access Ability Award, the Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue Certificate of Appreciation, Portland Area Women's Political Caucus Sue Juba Award, Paralyzed Veterans of America Certificate of Appreciation and Oregon Student Safety on the Move Award.

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