

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Be Adopted
Vote: 4 - 0 - 1
Yeas: Kruse, Monnes Anderson, Telfer, Verger
Nays: 0
Exc.: Morrisette
Prepared By: Jennifer Kellar, Administrator
Meeting Dates: 5/20

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: In memoriam: Mary Alice Ford, 1935-2008.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Tenure as legislator
- Awards and accomplishments involving human services, seniors and mental illness
- Life accomplishments and contributions to State of Oregon

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: A Republican activist and eight-term Oregon legislator, Mary Alice Ford earned her Bachelor of Arts from Stanford University and, in 1957, married William Ford.

Her political career began in Oregon 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 Legislative Assembly 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.

Mary Alice Ford was the recipient of the City of Beaverton Distinguished Service Award, the AARP Outstanding Legislator of the Year, Oregon Commission for Women's Woman of the Year Award, 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.