

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Be Adopted
Vote:	8 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Boone, Esquivel, Freeman, Komp, Matthews, Riley, Weidner, Cowan
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
Prepared By:	David Molina, Administrator
Meeting Dates:	3/3

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Extends appreciation to Congresswoman Darlene Hooley for her over 30 years in public service and achievements on behalf of the people of Oregon's Fifth Congressional District, all Oregonians, and citizens of the United States of America.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of measure

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: House Resolution 1 honors Congresswoman Darlene Hooley for her more than 30 years of public service, and innumerable achievements and contributions to the betterment of the State of Oregon.

Originally from Williston, North Dakota, Hooley attended Salem Academy, Pasadena Nazarene College (now Point Loma Nazarene University), and Oregon State University. Following graduation, she immersed herself helping young minds grow intellectually, artistically, and athletically by teaching reading, music, and high school physical education in the mid-Willamette Valley and Portland.

Hooley started her political career when she was appointed to a parks advisory committee after her son was injured on a West Linn playground, and in 1976 when she became the first woman to serve on the West Linn City Council. In 1980, Hooley was elected to the Oregon State Legislature, where she chaired the Environmental and Energy Committees, helping to usher Oregon's first recycling laws, writing and passing equal pay laws, and rewriting land use planning laws. In her third term, Hooley chaired the Education Subcommittee of the Ways and Means Committee. After seven years, Hooley returned to West Linn where she became the first woman to serve on the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners, and worked to successfully create the North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District, a 50-park and green space reserve serving over 100,000 county residents. After nine years of service to her local government, Hooley was elected in 1996 to Oregon's Fifth Congressional District. Upon arriving on Capitol Hill, Hooley was elected freshman class president by her colleagues in the United States Congress. Hooley served on the Science and Technology, Energy and Commerce, and Budget committees, and her leadership ensured public investments in her district, and the State of Oregon.

Congresswoman Hooley further distinguished herself by serving on the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, where she fought to improve health care and benefits for America's men and women who have worn the uniform. Hooley's extensive travels, included: Iraq, Fort Hood, and Fort Lewis. Through these she assessed the needs of service members and helped secure armored Humvees and adequate body armor for troops serving in harm's way. In the Pacific Northwest, Hooley fought to keep Vancouver and White City Veterans' Affairs health care facilities opened after being threatened by funding cuts, and worked tirelessly to make veteran's healthcare funding mandatory. Her achievements include: increased federal funding for homeland security efforts, increased flexibility and smaller class sizes for Oregon schools, measures to level the playing field for farmers, fair Medicare reimbursement for Oregonians, and fair pricing and coverage of prescription drugs for seniors. Additionally, Hooley worked to reduce the methamphetamine epidemic and identity theft, and improved medical and financial privacy.

3/6/2009 2:25 PM

This summary has not been adopted or officially endorsed by action of the committee.