

**REVENUE: No revenue impact**

**FISCAL: No fiscal impact**

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**Action:** Do Pass

**Vote:** 8 - 0 - 0

**Yeas:** Beyer, Gilliam, Krieger, Roblan, Schaufler, VanOrman, Wingard, Clem

**Nays:** 0

**Exc.:** 0

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**Meeting Dates:** 5/7

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Establishes February 9th of each year as Ewing Young Day.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Ewing Young comparable to Robert Newell in scope of pioneering spirit and impact on the state
- Young's history, important agricultural tradition, the beginnings of self-government and the rule of law

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

**BACKGROUND:** Ewing Young was a Tennessee-born fur trapper and frontiersman who arrived in Oregon in 1834. Young settled in what is now Yamhill County, on the west bank of the Willamette River near the mouth of Chehalem Creek opposite Champoeg. Young independently created one of Oregon's earliest centers of farming and trading, including a distillery and sawmill, that provided early Oregon settlers with economic independence from the Hudson's Bay Company. Young successfully brought 630 much needed head of cattle along the Siskiyou Trail to the settlers of the Willamette Valley. Young died on February 9, 1841, without a will. Oregon's first provisional government formed in Champoeg on May 2, 1843, to settle his estate and distribute his assets.