

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass
Vote:	5 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Atkinson, Burdick, Ferrioli, Metsger, Devlin
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	4/3

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

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Desire to honor Oregon's history of courageous pioneers
- Young's life as a hard-working frontiersman and entrepreneur can serve as a role model

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.