

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Be Adopted
Vote:	5 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Bates, Kruse, Morrisette, Morse, Monnes Anderson
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
Prepared By:	Robert Shook, Administrator
Meeting Dates:	3/19

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Memorializes Vern Cook, 1925-2008.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- His public service to his community of Gresham
- His Oregon legislative contributions and impact

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No Amendment.

BACKGROUND: The 75th Legislative Assembly expresses their gratitude for Vern Cook's decades of public service to the Legislative Assembly and to all Oregonians.

Mr. Cook was born in St. Francis, Kansas on October 14, 1925. His family was forced to leave Kansas during the Great Depression, and eventually settled in Gresham, Oregon in 1937. Upon graduation from Gresham High School, he earned a degree from Reed College, and a law degree from the University of Oregon School of Law. In 1955 he married Beryl Kirkwood and they raised five children in their home in the Sandy River Canyon near Troutdale, Oregon.

Mr. Cook served in the Oregon House of Representatives from 1957 through 1960, and in the Oregon Senate from 1961 through 1980. His most significant legislative accomplishments included increasing state funding for schools, voter registration reform, and land use legislation. He served on boards and governing bodies of numerous civic and community organizations throughout more than 50 years of public service to the people of Gresham and to all Oregonians.

A copy of this resolution will be sent to Vern Cook's wife Beryl, and to their children Robert Jr., Randal, David, Marc and Patricia.