

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Be Adopted
Vote:	7 - 0 - 1
Yeas:	Boone, Esquivel, Freeman, Matthews, Riley, Weidner, Cowan
Nays:	0
Exc.:	Komp
Prepared By:	David Molina, Administrator
Meeting Dates:	5/5

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Memorializes the life of James Klonoski (1925-2009).

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Professor Klonoski's passion for teaching political science to his students at the University of Oregon
- His activism in the civil rights movement and distinguished public service in the Oregon Democratic Party
- His lead-by-example approach, teaching and mentoring that shaped the political discourse of the state

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: James Klonoski was born in the small town of Virginia, Minnesota on March 24, 1925, and was a member of the Greatest Generation. He first distinguished himself by enlisting in the United States Army during World War II. During the Korean conflict, he was promoted from the rank of private to sergeant and taught civics to deploying soldiers. After his military service, Klonoski returned to his native state and pursued his bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Minnesota. Subsequently, he earned a doctorate in political science and constitutional law from the University of Michigan. As a professor of political science at the University of Oregon for over forty years (1961-1997, 1999-2002), Professor Klonoski's teaching shaped the hearts and minds of tens of thousands of Oregonians. He enthusiastically discussed, debated and encouraged his students to show intellectual curiosity in the world and to consider public service. His infectious passion for American politics and for teaching students about it encouraged many of them to choose public service. A husband of thirty years to Ann Aiken, Klonoski also supported and helped raise their eight children.

Klonoski served as chairman of the Lane County Democratic Party (1970-1974) and of the Oregon Democratic Party (1974-1980) as well as boards and governing bodies of numerous civic and community organizations. Most notably, he helped pioneer the Oregon Political Tax Credit.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 11 A honors the late James Klonoski's legacy and innumerable contributions to Oregon's civic life, and for his devotion to the University of Oregon and his students. A copy of this resolution will be sent to James Klonoski's wife, Ann, and to their children, Kevin, Tom, Katherine, Jake, Nick, Zach, Sam and Chris.