

House Joint Resolution 11

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Designates Marionberry official berry of Oregon.

JOINT RESOLUTION

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2 Whereas the Marionberry was introduced by George F. Waldo of the United States Department
3 of Agriculture in Corvallis, Oregon, in 1956 as part of Oregon State University's blackberry breeding
4 program; and

5 Whereas the Marionberry is a hybrid blackberry that is a cross between the "Chehalem" and
6 "Ollalieberry" cultivars; and

7 Whereas the Marionberry is named after Marion County, where it was tested extensively; and

8 Whereas 90 percent of the world's Marionberries are grown near Salem; and

9 Whereas the Marionberry is a trailing, vigorous grower that produces canes up to 20 feet in
10 length and up to six tons of berries per acre; and

11 Whereas the Willamette Valley's climate, with moist spring rains and summers that are warm
12 during the day and cool at night, is ideal for growing Marionberries; and

13 Whereas Oregon is the primary grower of Marionberries globally, producing 30 million pounds
14 annually with 500 Oregon growers and 20 Oregon packers engaged in the production and packing
15 of Marionberries; and

16 Whereas the Marionberry is a nutritious food that is very high in antioxidants, vitamins and
17 fiber and is recognized as having a profound and positive effect on health; now, therefore,

18 **Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:**

19 That the Marionberry is the official berry of the State of Oregon.
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