

## Enrolled House Resolution 7

Sponsored by Representatives SCHAUFLEER, G SMITH; Representatives BARKER, BERGER, BOONE, CAMERON, CLEM, COWAN, ESQUIVEL, FREEMAN, GARRARD, GILLIAM, GILMAN, HANNA, HARKER, HOLVEY, HUFFMAN, HUNT, JENSON, KENNEMER, KOMP, KOTEK, MATTHEWS, MAURER, OLSON, RICHARDSON, ROBLAN, STIEGLER, THATCHER, THOMPSON, VANORMAN, WEIDNER, WHISNANT, WINGARD, WITT

Whereas the Port of Morrow, located on the Columbia River near Boardman, Oregon, is celebrating its 50th anniversary; and

Whereas the Port of Morrow was approved by Morrow County voters to establish a tax base of \$31,000 for the port after the Morrow County Court lent the port \$500 to establish a checking account; and

Whereas the Port of Morrow Commission immediately began planning for development of the John Day Pool for river navigation and irrigation to be completed by 1968; and

Whereas the Port of Morrow in its early years began acquiring property for port facilities, accumulating several thousand acres for future growth; and

Whereas the Port of Morrow, after the completion of the John Day Pool for river navigation and irrigation, welcomed the food processing industry in 1974; and

Whereas the Port of Morrow promoted the development of energy facilities and terminal cargo, such as grain facilities and wood chip transload terminals; and

Whereas the Port of Morrow is continuing its energy development with ethanol production, gas-fired power plants and plans for cellulosic ethanol facilities; and

Whereas the Port of Morrow, in 1984, invested in container terminals, and the container terminal has become the largest barge terminal in the United States, moving approximately 24,000 40-foot containers annually; and

Whereas the Port of Morrow has more than 2,000 people working at port-generated operations, creating over \$1 billion in annual gross sales and paying over 50 percent of the assessed valuation of Morrow County property taxes; and

Whereas the Port of Morrow owes its rise from its humble beginnings to its extremely capable and inspired past and present leadership; now, therefore,

**Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Oregon:**

That we, the members of the House of Representatives of the Seventy-fifth Legislative Assembly, on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Port of Morrow, extend our best wishes to the Port of Morrow and to the past and present leadership of the port.

Adopted by House June 15, 2009

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Chief Clerk of House

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Speaker of House