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Senate Concurrent Resolution 4

Sponsored by Senator BATES, Representative BUCKLEY

Whereas Hank Collins was born on November 12, 1951, in northeastern Tennessee and passed away in Portland on February 12, 2008; and

Whereas Hank Collins, after graduating from the University of Tennessee in Knoxville with a bachelor of science degree, earned a master's degree in public health and began a career in health administration; and

Whereas Hank Collins, before coming to Jackson County in Oregon, was the Health Director in Anson and Richmond counties in North Carolina; and

Whereas Hank Collins began his employment with Jackson County in June of 1987 as the Health Director and was appointed the Jackson County Health and Human Services Director in November 1989; and

Whereas Hank Collins led the movement toward integrating the social service system in Jackson County; and

Whereas under Hank Collins' leadership the integration of county social services has become a national model of effective collaboration; and

Whereas Hank Collins facilitated the first county wood stove/open burning mandatory curtailment ordinance, resulting in Jackson County going from one of the worst air quality environments to consistent compliance with the Clean Air Act; and

Whereas Hank Collins launched groundbreaking and effective needle exchange programs, a methadone clinic for addicts, family planning services and programs for persistent and severe mental illness; and

Whereas Hank Collins always sought to provide the best treatment and case management services possible even in the face of political criticism; and

Whereas Hank Collins worked tirelessly to keep the department's programs going despite changes in staffing in the offices of the board of county commissioners and the county's shrinking budget; and

Whereas Hank Collins served on the founding board of directors for Kids Unlimited, Medford's popular youth program; and

Whereas Hank Collins was the driving force behind the Jefferson Regional Health Alliance, the family drug court and the Methamphetamine Task Force, which serve as models for this state; and

Whereas Hank Collins was not afraid to support new ideas, consistently questioned the status quo and always wanted to know how he could make things better; and

Whereas Hank Collins will be remembered for his keen intellect and a dogged determination to make this community a better place; and

Whereas Hank Collins was married for 26 years to his beloved wife, Cydne, and was a brother to two sisters and the only son of his parents; now, therefore,

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

That we, the members of the Seventy-fifth Legislative Assembly, extend our deepest sympathy to Hank Collins' wife, Cydne, and to Hank Collins' family and friends; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be presented to the wife of Hank Collins and to the family of Hank Collins as an expression of our condolences.

Adopted by Senate February 23, 2009

Secretary of Senate

President of Senate

Adopted by House March 25, 2009

Speaker of House