

Enrolled
Senate Concurrent Resolution 6

Sponsored by Senator MONNES ANDERSON; Representatives KAHL, MATTHEWS

Whereas Vern Cook was born Robert Vernon Cook in St. Francis, Kansas, on October 14, 1925, and died on December 6, 2008; and

Whereas Vern Cook and his family were forced to leave Kansas during the Great Depression, and eventually settled in Gresham in 1937; and

Whereas Vern Cook was a graduate of Gresham High School, Reed College and the University of Oregon School of Law; and

Whereas Vern Cook married Beryl Kirkwood on June 5, 1955; and

Whereas shortly after graduating from law school, Vern Cook opened his law office in Gresham; and

Whereas Vern Cook and his wife Beryl raised five children in their home in the Sandy River Canyon near Troutdale; and

Whereas Vern Cook served in the Oregon House of Representatives from 1957 through 1960 and in the Oregon Senate from 1961 through 1980; and

Whereas Vern Cook's significant legislative accomplishments included increasing state funding for schools, voter registration reform and land use legislation; and

Whereas Vern Cook served on the boards or 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; now, therefore,

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

That we, the members of the Seventy-fifth Legislative Assembly, express our gratitude for Vern Cook's decades of public service to the Legislative Assembly and to all Oregonians, and extend our condolences to Vern Cook's wife, Beryl, and their children and grandchildren; and be it further

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

Adopted by Senate March 25, 2009

Secretary of Senate

President of Senate

Adopted by House May 11, 2009

Speaker of House