

Senate Joint Resolution 8

Sponsored by Senator METSGER; Senator JOHNSON

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 airstrip at Aurora State Airport as Wes Lematta Field at Aurora State Airport.

JOINT RESOLUTION

Whereas Wes Lematta founded Columbia Helicopters in 1957; and

Whereas Wes Lematta once saved 15 seamen from a sinking ship off Coos Bay, Oregon, an act of bravery for which he was awarded the Army Air Medal by the United States Army Corps of Engineers; and

Whereas Wes Lematta proved the feasibility of helicopter logging in 1971; and

Whereas Columbia Helicopters is recognized as the world leader in heavy-lift helicopter operations; and

Whereas Columbia Helicopters is now also engaged in servicing United States Armed Forces' helicopters; and

Whereas Columbia Helicopters has had its global headquarters located at Aurora State Airport since 1976; and

Whereas Columbia Helicopters is the largest year-round employer in the Aurora community; now, therefore,

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

That the airstrip at the Aurora State Airport be named the Wes Lematta Field at Aurora State Airport.

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.