

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Be Adopted
Vote: 5 - 0 - 0
Yeas: Atkinson, Boquist, Monnes Anderson, Morrisette, Schrader
Nays: 0
Exc.: 0
Prepared By: Bill Taylor, Administrator
Meeting Dates: 2/9

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Memorializes the late Ross H. Morgan who passed away on August 30, 2009.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Son testified that Mr. Morgan's time in the legislature was the best years of his life
- Tenth of eleven children
- Three terms in House
- One in Senate

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Mr. Ross H. Morgan, a former member of the Oregon House of Representatives, passed away on August 30, 2009. Ross H. Morgan arrived in Gresham with his parents during the Great Depression and lived in Gresham nearly all of his life. He served as a radioman in the Navy during World War II, flying with a torpedo squadron hunting German submarines over the North Atlantic. Upon his return, Mr. Morgan began his career as public servant by serving on the Gresham City Council. He was elected to the Oregon House of Representatives in 1960, serving on the Ways and Means Committee and ultimately becoming Chairman. Mr. Morgan, as a member of the House of Representatives, introduced the seat belt law in 1963 and procured the original funding to build Mt. Hood Community College, for which he was named the school's first "Patron Saint". He was elected to the Oregon Senate in 1966 and left the Senate in 1969 to become Administrator of the Employment Division for the State of Oregon and was elected National President of the Interstate Conference of Employment Security Agencies. Mr. Morgan later became an Administrative Law Judge and State Chairman of the Employment Appeals Board.