

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Be Adopted
Vote:	4 - 0 - 2
Yeas:	Atkinson, Burdick, Edwards, Starr
Nays:	0
Exc.:	Girod, Beyer
Prepared By:	Richard Berger, Administrator
Meeting Dates:	4/25

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Recognizes the achievements of surveyor and geographer David Thompson and commends the North American Land Surveyors for participation in the 2011 David Thompson Columbia Brigade.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Overview of surveying projects conducted by David Thompson
- Route of the 2011 David Thompson Columbia Brigade
- David Thompson’s place in history of the Northwest

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: David Thompson was a 17th century fur trader, surveyor, and mapmaker, known to some native peoples as “Koo Koo Sint,” or “The Stargazer.” In 1811, Thompson reached the Pacific Ocean, adding the Columbia River as the final leg of the fur trade highway between Montreal and the Pacific. His route would be used for fifty years as the major route across the Rocky Mountains by the twice annual Columbia Express, which was later adapted by the Hudson’s Bay Company to become the York Factory Express. He was the first European to navigate the full length of the Columbia River, and was chief surveyor for the International Boundary Survey, which established the boundary between the United States and British North America from the Lake of the Woods to Québec.

House Concurrent Resolution 17 honors the accomplishments of David Thompson. The resolution also honors the participants of the 2011 David Thompson Columbia Brigade, in which approximately 20 voyageur canoes will leave Invermere, British Columbia on June 1st on a 1,200-mile trip via the Kootenai, Clark Fork, Pend Oreille and Columbia Rivers to Astoria, arriving on July 15th, 200 years to the day after David Thompson’s arrival in 1811.

The North American Land Surveyors, which is participating in the Brigade with the canoe “Koo Koo Sint,” is a professional trade association comprised of surveying societies from Oregon, Idaho, Montana, British Columbia, and Alberta.