

House Concurrent Resolution 17

Sponsored by Representative KENNEMER, Senator ATKINSON (at the request of Professional Land Surveyors of Oregon)

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**.

Recognizes achievements of surveyor and geographer David Thompson and commends North American Land Surveyors for participation in 2011 David Thompson Columbia Brigade.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1
2 Whereas David Thompson, born in 1770, was an English-Canadian fur trader, surveyor and
3 map-maker, known to some native peoples as "Koo Koo Sint" or "The Stargazer"; and

4 Whereas David Thompson, over his career, mapped more than 3.9 million square kilometers of
5 North America, nearly one-fifth of the continent, and has been described as the greatest land
6 geographer who ever lived; and

7 Whereas David Thompson, in 1784, entered into an apprenticeship with the Hudson's Bay Com-
8 pany and left England, never to return; and

9 Whereas David Thompson soon emerged as a rising star in the company's surveying ranks; and

10 Whereas David Thompson joined the North West Company in 1797 to further pursue his interest
11 in surveying and mapping the interior of what would become Canada; and

12 Whereas David Thompson was charged by the North West Company to find a route to the
13 Pacific to promote access to the fur trading territories of the Pacific Northwest; and

14 Whereas David Thompson, in 1807, crossed the Rocky Mountains and surveyed the Columbia
15 basin, and mapped and established trading posts in Montana, Idaho, Washington and Western
16 Canada; and

17 Whereas David Thompson, in 1811, was the first European to navigate the full length of the
18 Columbia River; and

19 Whereas David Thompson also was chief surveyor for the International Boundary Survey, es-
20 tablishing the boundary between the United States and British North America from the Lake of the
21 Woods to Quebec, for which he was honored as the "Chief Surveyor and Astronomer" of the British
22 government; and

23 Whereas David Thompson, when he left the Pacific Northwest after 28 years, 22 of them as a
24 trained surveyor, had traveled 55,000 miles and surveyed 1.9 million square miles of wilderness; and

25 Whereas on June 2, 2011, as part of the David Thompson Columbia Brigade, approximately 20
26 Voyageur Canoes will leave Invermere, British Columbia, on a 1,200-mile trip to Astoria, Oregon,
27 via the Kootenai, Clark Fork, Pend Oreille and Columbia Rivers and will arrive in Astoria, Oregon,
28 on July 15, 2011, 200 years to the day after David Thompson's arrival in 1811; and

29 Whereas one of these 25-foot Voyageur Canoes is the North American Land Surveyors' entry
30 named the "Koo Koo Sint"; and

31 Whereas North American Land Surveyors is an association of professional land surveyors from

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1 British Columbia, Alberta, Oregon, Idaho and Montana; and

2 Whereas North American Land Surveyors is pleased to participate in the David Thompson
3 Columbia Brigade as a way to acknowledge and honor one of its own; now, therefore,

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

5 That we, the members of the Seventy-sixth Legislative Assembly, commend the life and
6 achievements of David Thompson, recognize his contributions to the history of Oregon and con-
7 gratulate North American Land Surveyors and professional land surveyors in Oregon for their par-
8 ticipation in the 2011 David Thompson Columbia Brigade.

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