

Enrolled
House Concurrent Resolution 21

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON RULES

Whereas Elwin J. "Bill" Ireland passed away on September 13, 2010, at the age of 95; and
Whereas Bill Ireland, who was born and raised in Prineville, graduated from the University of Oregon in 1936; and

Whereas, while in college, Bill Ireland met his best friend and lifelong partner, Barbara Betts, to whom he was married for 70 years and with whom he raised three sons, Robert, Steven and John; and

Whereas Bill Ireland served with distinction in the United States Navy in World War II; and
Whereas after World War II Bill Ireland and his family moved to Molalla, where he owned and operated a successful men's clothing store, "The Man's Shop"; and

Whereas Bill Ireland became politically active after World War II, serving as chair of the Clackamas County Young Republicans, yet forging lifelong friendships with persons of all political persuasions; and

Whereas Bill Ireland was an active member of the Urban League, reflecting his deep personal commitment to equality, human dignity and simple common decency; and

Whereas Bill Ireland represented Clackamas and southern Multnomah Counties in the House of Representatives from 1951 to 1953; and

Whereas Representative Bill Ireland actively championed civil rights legislation and, with his close friend future United States Senator Maurine Neuberger, led a successful fight against a mandated loyalty oath for state employees and teachers, both politically and professionally risky stances at the time; and

Whereas Bill Ireland served as Secretary of the Oregon State Board of Control under Governor Paul Patterson from 1953 to 1956; and

Whereas Bill Ireland was appointed by Governor Tom McCall to serve on the Capitol Planning Commission from 1969 to 1973, during a pivotal period in the expansion and development of the Capitol Mall; and

Whereas Bill Ireland served Molalla as a city planning commissioner and an officer in the Chamber of Commerce; and

Whereas Bill Ireland was a leading, respected and beloved member of the Molalla community for more than 60 years, and one whose kindness, civility, quiet good taste and dry wit endeared him to all who knew him; now, therefore,

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

That we, the members of the Seventy-sixth Legislative Assembly, honor and express our appreciation for Elwin J. "Bill" Ireland's legacy of outstanding service to his state and his community, and to humanity; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be presented to Bill Ireland's surviving sons, Robert and John.

Adopted by House April 18, 2011

Ramona Kenady Line, Chief Clerk of House

Bruce Hanna, Speaker of House

Arnie Roblan, Speaker of House

Adopted by Senate June 13, 2011

Peter Courtney, President of Senate