

Enrolled
House Concurrent Resolution 39

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON RULES

Whereas Robert Blackford Duncan was born in Normal, Illinois, on December 4, 1920; and
Whereas Robert Blackford Duncan attended college at both the University of Alaska and Illinois Wesleyan University; and

Whereas Robert Blackford Duncan met fellow student Marijane Beverly Dill while attending Illinois Wesleyan University; and

Whereas Robert Blackford Duncan married Marijane Beverly Dill on December 19, 1942; and

Whereas Robert Blackford Duncan and Marijane Beverly Duncan are survived by their seven children: Nancy, Angus, David, James, Laurie, Bonnie and Jeanne; and

Whereas Robert Blackford Duncan worked at a variety of jobs while and immediately after attending school, including in the placer gold fields of Alaska, for a seed corn company in Illinois and for a bank in Chicago; and

Whereas Robert Blackford Duncan served the United States during World War II, both as a mariner for the United States Merchant Marine and as a member of the United States Navy; and

Whereas Robert Blackford Duncan attended the University of Michigan Law School; and

Whereas Robert Blackford Duncan earned his law degree in 1948 and passed the bar in October of that year; and

Whereas Robert Blackford Duncan and his family moved from Michigan to Medford, where he practiced law before beginning his political service; and

Whereas Robert Blackford Duncan served the State of Oregon as both a member of the Oregon Legislative Assembly and a member of the United States Congress; and

Whereas Robert Blackford Duncan was first nominated as a write-in candidate for the Oregon House of Representatives in 1954, but declined for economic reasons; and

Whereas Robert Blackford Duncan was first elected to the Oregon House of Representatives in 1956; and

Whereas Robert Blackford Duncan served as Speaker of the House for two legislative sessions, in 1959 and 1961; and

Whereas Robert Blackford Duncan was the first person in Oregon history to serve as Speaker of the House for two consecutive regular sessions; and

Whereas Robert Blackford Duncan was elected to the United States House of Representatives in 1962, representing Oregon's fourth congressional district from 1963 until 1967; and

Whereas Robert Blackford Duncan was again elected to the United States House of Representatives in 1974, representing Oregon's third congressional district from 1975 until 1981; and

Whereas Robert Blackford Duncan remains the only person to represent two different congressional districts located in the State of Oregon; and

Whereas Robert Blackford Duncan's elected political service, at both the state level and the federal level, totaled 22 years; and

Whereas Robert Blackford Duncan, first as chairman of the United States House Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation in the 1970s and then as a lobbyist in the 1980s, played a major role in bringing light rail transportation to Portland; and

Whereas Robert Blackford Duncan ended his political career by serving as a member of the Northwest Power Planning Council from 1984 to 1988, serving as chairman of the council in 1987; and

Whereas Robert Blackford Duncan survived his wife, Marijane Beverly Duncan, who died on November 9, 1990; and

Whereas Robert Blackford Duncan subsequently married Kathryn Boe, who survives 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, recognize the contributions of Robert Blackford Duncan to the State of Oregon and express our condolences to his wife and children.

Adopted by House June 7, 2011

Ramona Kenady Line, Chief Clerk of House

Bruce Hanna, Speaker of House

Arnie Roblan, Speaker of House

Adopted by Senate June 21, 2011

Peter Courtney, President of Senate