

House Concurrent Resolution 39

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON RULES

SUMMARY

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In memoriam: Robert Blackford Duncan, 1920-2011.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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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 Represen-

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1 tatives in 1974, representing Oregon's third congressional district from 1975 until 1981; and

2 Whereas Robert Blackford Duncan remains the only person to represent two different congres-
3 sional districts located in the State of Oregon; and

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

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

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

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

14 Whereas Robert Blackford Duncan subsequently married Kathryn Boe, who survives him; now,
15 therefore,

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

17 That we, the members of the Seventy-sixth Legislative Assembly, recognize the contributions of
18 Robert Blackford Duncan to the State of Oregon and express our condolences to his wife and chil-
19 dren.

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