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Senate Concurrent Resolution 1

Sponsored by Senator MONNES ANDERSON; Representatives BOONE, WAND (Presession filed.)

Whereas Metro has given preliminary permission to the USS Ranger Foundation to moor the super aircraft carrier USS Ranger at the Columbia River's Chinook Landing Marine Park; and

Whereas the USS Ranger will become the world's largest floating museum, with plans for an education center, an emergency preparedness center, 100,000 square feet of meeting space and a military memorial; and

Whereas the USS Ranger, currently decommissioned in Bremerton, Washington, was commissioned in 1957 at the Norfolk Naval Shipyard in Portsmouth, Virginia; and

Whereas the USS Ranger, a Forrestal-class aircraft carrier, is more than three football fields in length, 130 feet wide at the water line and has a flight deck that spreads 271 feet; and

Whereas the USS Ranger has seen combat action against North Vietnam and engaged in Operation Desert Storm; and

Whereas the USS Ranger received the Navy Unit Commendation for exceptionally meritorious service during combat operations in Southeast Asia from January to August 1966; and

Whereas the USS Ranger earned 13 battle stars for service in Vietnam; and

Whereas the USS Ranger made history when in March 1983 an all-woman flight crew landed aboard the carrier; and

Whereas the USS Ranger in August 1989 rescued 39 Vietnamese refugees who were adrift for 10 days on a barge in heavy seas and monsoon rains in the South China Sea; and

Whereas in December 1992 the USS Ranger played a significant role in a massive relief effort for starving Somalis in Operation Restore Hope, including providing logistics support and sending digital photographs by International Marine Satellite, the first time digital photographs were successfully transmitted from a ship at sea; and

Whereas the United States Navy believes that a good case may be made for the USS Ranger being eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places; and

Whereas the USS Ranger is best known for its role in the movie "Top Gun"; now, therefore,

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

That we, the members of the Seventy-sixth Legislative Assembly, express our congratulations to the USS Ranger Foundation and other supporters in their efforts to secure approval to moor the USS Ranger as a floating museum at Chinook Landing Marine Park.

Adopted by Senate February 22, 2011

Robert Taylor, Secretary of Senate

Peter Courtney, President of Senate

Adopted by House March 21, 2011

Bruce Hanna, Speaker of House

Arnie Roblan, Speaker of House