

Senate Concurrent Resolution 1

Sponsored by Senator MONNES ANDERSON (Presession filed.)

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**.

Congratulates aircraft carrier USS Ranger on her preliminary approval as floating museum at Chinook Landing on Columbia River.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

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

7 Whereas the USS Ranger, currently decommissioned in Bremerton, Washington, was commis-
8 sioned in 1957 at the Norfolk Naval Shipyard in Portsmouth, Virginia; and

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

11 Whereas the USS Ranger has seen combat action against North Vietnam and engaged in Oper-
12 ation Desert Storm; and

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

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

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

18 Whereas the USS Ranger in August 1989 rescued 39 Vietnamese refugees who were adrift for
19 10 days on a barge in heavy seas and monsoon rains in the South China Sea; and

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

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

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

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

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

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