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Senate Concurrent Resolution 10

Sponsored by Senator ATKINSON; Senator WHITSETT, Representative MCLANE

Whereas Plush, Oregon, is an unincorporated rural community in the Warner Valley of Lake County, Oregon, with a population of 40 people; and

Whereas two women from the Plush area, Corinna Frank and Becky Susan Kiely, were involved in separate accidents; and

Whereas Corinna Frank and Becky Susan Kiely both lost their lives because Plush had no ambulance service and by the time an ambulance from the nearest medical center arrived in Plush from 60 miles away, both women had passed away; and

Whereas after this tragedy the residents of Plush banded together to ensure that this sort of tragedy would not occur again due to lack of ambulance service; and

Whereas Greg Case of the Ashland Fire & Rescue coordinated efforts to secure an ambulance; and

Whereas Plush residents Leon Flick, a cowboy poet and one of the few remaining cowboy day riders in Oregon, Tory Jeager, Jason Jeager, Chandra Cahill, Carissa Jones, Rusty Hammond, Chuck Messner and Rusty McNair became trained emergency medical technicians; and

Whereas Plush residents raised \$11,500, secured a \$10,000 Ford Foundation grant, formed the Warner Valley First Responders and began a search for an ambulance that could be donated; and

Whereas the City of Ashland donated a surplus 1992 ambulance; and

Whereas the Oregon Ambulance Association agreed to outfit the ambulance with equipment; and

Whereas local entrepreneur Brian Morse, known as "The Sign Dude," volunteered to do the lettering for the ambulance; and

Whereas a tiny community accomplished its goal with an incredible spirit of volunteerism and an indomitable will to accomplish what must have seemed an impossible goal; 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 the residents of Plush, Oregon, for their incredible achievement that will undoubtedly save the lives of many people in the future, and commend Greg Case of Ashland Fire & Rescue and the Oregon Ambulance Association for their efforts in making this achievement possible.

Adopted by Senate March 3, 2011

Robert Taylor, Secretary of Senate

Peter Courtney, President of Senate

Adopted by House April 7, 2011

Bruce Hanna, Speaker of House

Arnie Roblan, Speaker of House