

# Senate Concurrent Resolution 13

Sponsored by Senators EDWARDS, PROZANSKI, Representatives BARNHART, HOLVEY, HOYLE, NATHANSON

## 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**.

Honors Eugene Water & Electric Board for 100 years of utility service.

## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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2       Whereas the Eugene Water & Electric Board, Oregon's largest consumer-owned utility, will  
3 celebrate its 100th year of operations on March 11, 2011; and

4       Whereas in 1908 Eugene voters approved \$300,000 in bonds to purchase and reform the local  
5 private water utility following a typhoid fever epidemic; and

6       Whereas the Walterville Hydroelectric Plant on the McKenzie River was constructed in 1911  
7 to power pumps and ensure adequate water pressure, leading to the sale of surplus power to Eugene  
8 and the subsequent acquisition of the local private electric utility; and

9       Whereas the Eugene Water & Electric Board has invested in clean, affordable and reliable  
10 electricity through projects such as Leaburg Dam, the Carmen-Smith Hydroelectric Project, the  
11 Federal Columbia River Power System, and the Foote Creek, Stateline, Klondike and Harvest Wind  
12 Farms; and

13       Whereas the Eugene Water & Electric Board made an early commitment to energy conservation  
14 in 1976, having weatherized over 42,000 homes since then and annually investing five percent of  
15 retail revenues in conservation programs; and

16       Whereas the Eugene Water & Electric Board has saved its customers almost 500 million kilo-  
17 watt hours of power usage through its robust conservation efforts; and

18       Whereas the Eugene Water & Electric Board has earned several local, regional and national  
19 awards for best-tasting and cleanest water from the McKenzie River; and

20       Whereas the Eugene Water & Electric Board adopted a "Customer Care" program in 1986 to  
21 provide a wide range of assistance to low-income customers having difficulty paying their utility  
22 bills, helping on average 4,000 customers annually; and

23       Whereas the Eugene Water & Electric Board in 2009 and 2010 invested more than \$10 million  
24 back into the community to help customers affected by the economic downturn pay their utility bills;  
25 now, therefore,

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

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27       That we, the members of the Seventy-sixth Legislative Assembly, in legislative session assem-  
28 bled, recognize, honor and celebrate on behalf of all Oregonians the 100 years of dedicated service  
29 of the Eugene Water & Electric Board to the customers to whom it provides safe, clean and reliable  
30 water and electricity; and be it further

31       Resolved, That a copy of this resolution shall be presented to the Eugene Water & Electric  
32 Board of Commissioners.

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted.  
New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

