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Senate Concurrent Resolution 14

Sponsored by Senators BOQUIST, WINTERS, Representatives BERGER, THOMPSON

Whereas Mike Propes was in his sixth term as a Polk County Commissioner after being first elected in 1988; and

Whereas Mike Propes was known by those with whom he served as “Mr. Polk County”; and

Whereas Mike Propes was a graduate of Willamina High School and Chemeketa Community College; and

Whereas Mike Propes used his strong forestry background to work with the federal government on issues related to county timber payments; and

Whereas Mike Propes had been working on long-term solutions that would give counties stronger rights over federal forestland in their respective jurisdictions; and

Whereas Mike Propes worked successfully to pass bond measures to improve local roads and highways and build a new county jail; and

Whereas Mike Propes was a key player in securing money to build a new highway interchange at Highway 22 and Highway 99W; and

Whereas Mike Propes’ service to the citizens of Polk County included participation on the Chemeketa Community College Board of Directors, Polk County Commission for Children and Families, Mid-Willamette Valley Area Commission on Transportation, Bureau of Land Management Advisory Committee, Council of Forest Trust Land Counties, West Salem High School Task Force, Mid-Willamette Valley Senior Services and Mid-Willamette Jobs Council Board of Directors; and

Whereas Mike Propes’ list of awards includes the Dallas Chamber of Commerce First Citizen of the Year award, the Willamina First Citizen of the Year award, the YMCA Dedicated Service Monmouth/Independence Youth Donor Drive award and the Senior Citizen Service Award for Outstanding Leadership; and

Whereas Mike Propes is survived by his wife Pam, his son Jason, his daughter Amy, his mother Alice and five grandchildren; 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 gratitude for the selfless service of Mike Propes as a Polk County Commissioner, and on behalf of all Oregonians we thank him and remember the profound work Mike Propes did for citizens across this state; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be presented with our condolences to Pam Propes and her family.

Adopted by Senate May 23, 2011

Robert Taylor, Secretary of Senate

Peter Courtney, President of Senate

Adopted by House June 8, 2011

Bruce Hanna, Speaker of House

Arnie Roblan, Speaker of House