

Senate Concurrent Resolution 9

Sponsored by Senator NELSON; Representatives JENSON, G SMITH

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**.

In memoriam: Jay Minthorn, 1936-2010.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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2 Whereas Jay Minthorn was born in Pendleton, Oregon, on April 22, 1936, and passed away on
3 November 22, 2010; and

4 Whereas Jay Minthorn, after high school, worked as a fisherman at Celilo Falls, was a
5 smokejumper and then a logger; and

6 Whereas Jay Minthorn was respected across Indian country, especially in the Northwest, where
7 he was known in state and tribal government circles as a tireless worker promoting good state-tribal
8 relationships and bringing divergent sides together; and

9 Whereas Jay Minthorn was a statesman in his resolute defense of tribal treaty-reserved natural
10 resources and his steadfast commitment to longhouse tradition; and

11 Whereas Jay Minthorn was a true warrior for tribal issues, serving the tribes of the Columbia
12 Basin with quiet determination and earning the respect of those who worked with him; and

13 Whereas Jay Minthorn was elected in 1986 to the Board of Trustees for the Confederated Tribes
14 of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, where he served for 20 years, including on the tribes' Fish and
15 Wildlife Commission and Cultural Resource Committee; and

16 Whereas Jay Minthorn was the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation repre-
17 sentative for 22 years on the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission and was the chairman
18 of the Oregon Legislative Commission on Indian Services for 12 years; and

19 Whereas during Jay Minthorn's service on the Commission on Indian Services he understood
20 his responsibility to make the needs and concerns of the American Indian people in Oregon known
21 to public and private agencies whose activities affect Indians; and

22 Whereas Jay Minthorn will be remembered for many things, including taking care of his family
23 by teaching them to hunt and fish; and

24 Whereas Jay Minthorn was a great listener, both listening to and learning from tribal elders;
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26 Whereas in his younger years, Jay Minthorn was known for his athletic skills, enjoying games
27 and playing baseball; and

28 Whereas Jay Minthorn had a calm, controlled demeanor, endearing sense of humor and a special
29 storytelling ability, often invoked in his stories about fishing at Celilo Falls; and

30 Whereas Jay Minthorn was well known for his meticulously handwritten notes and legendary
31 ability to recall dates and times for events, discussion and decision-making; and

32 Whereas Jay Minthorn was a relentless teacher who never missed an opportunity to convey

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1 cultural information or teach the meaning of Indian treaties; now, therefore,

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

3 That we, the members of the Seventy-sixth Legislative Assembly, recognize the contributions of
4 Jay Minthorn to all Oregon Indian tribes and express our condolences to his children and grand-
5 children.

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