

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Be Adopted
Vote:	10 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Barnhart, Berger, Beyer, Esquivel, Freeman, Garrett, Holvey, Wingard, Kotek, Olson
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
Prepared By:	Cheyenne Ross, Administrator
Meeting Dates:	2/27

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Memorializes Jeannette Hamby, 1933-2012.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of memorial resolution

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Jeannette Hamby, former State Representative and State Senator, died on January 27, 2012, at the age of 78. After moving to Oregon with her husband Eugene, she earned a master's degree from Oregon Health and Sciences University in nursing education and in 1977, a doctorate in vocational and career education from Oregon State University. Shortly thereafter, she began her career in public service as a public health nurse and career education coordinator in Washington County.

In 1971, Ms. Hamby became the first woman elected to the Hillsboro Union High School Board. She served on the school board until she was successfully elected to the Oregon House of Representatives in 1980. In 1982, she was elected to represent Washington County in the Oregon Senate, where she served four consecutive terms. During her tenure in the Oregon Legislature, she was a champion for the underdog, using her voice to further the rights of women, migrant workers, prisoners, and other at-risk Oregonians. It was her pursuit of economic development throughout the state that led to the passage of the Oregon Earned Income Tax Credit; creation of the Oregon Progress Board; Oregon Business Plan; and the Joint Legislative Audit Committee.

Upon leaving politics, Jeannette Hamby remained active in her community and continued to serve the public as chairperson of the Jackson Bottom Wetlands Preserve's board of directors and on Metro's Boundary Appeals Commission.

She is survived by her husband Eugene and daughters Taryn and Tenya.