

Senate Concurrent Resolution 202

Sponsored by Senators COURTNEY, ROSENBAUM, FERRIOLI; Senators ATKINSON, BATES, BEYER, BOQUIST, BURDICK, DEVLIN, EDWARDS, GEORGE, GIROD, HASS, JOHNSON, KRUSE, MONNES ANDERSON, MONROE, MORSE, OLSEN, PROZANSKI, STARR, STEINER HAYWARD, TELFER, VERGER, WINTERS (Presession filed.)

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: Mark Hatfield, 1922-2011.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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2 Whereas United States Senator Mark Odom Hatfield was born in Dallas, Oregon, on July 12,
3 1922, the only son of Charles Dolen Hatfield, a blacksmith for the Southern Pacific Railroad, and
4 Dovie Odom Hatfield, a schoolteacher; and

5 Whereas Senator Hatfield loved the State of Oregon for its character and the people of Oregon
6 for their individuality; and

7 Whereas Senator Hatfield was a natural conciliator who brought people together; and

8 Whereas Senator Hatfield was an exceptional family man, devoted to his wife, Antoinette, and
9 to his four children, Elizabeth, Theresa, Mark and Visko; and

10 Whereas Senator Hatfield was a deeply religious man who was guided by his strong faith; and

11 Whereas Senator Hatfield, when he was a freshman at Willamette University, joined the Naval
12 Reserve immediately after the attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941; and

13 Whereas Senator Hatfield accelerated his political science studies in order to begin combat
14 training by late 1943; and

15 Whereas Senator Hatfield participated in the invasions of Iwo Jima and Okinawa as an ensign
16 on an amphibious landing craft; and

17 Whereas Senator Hatfield was part of the fleet that accompanied General MacArthur to Japan
18 for the Allied occupation of that country; and

19 Whereas Senator Hatfield witnessed the effects of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima within a
20 month of the bombing; and

21 Whereas Senator Hatfield, after serving in Japan, served in French Indochina, where he ob-
22 served firsthand the economic disparity between the native Vietnamese and the colonial French; and

23 Whereas Senator Hatfield's military experiences helped to formulate his later policies; and

24 Whereas after serving in the military, Senator Hatfield obtained a master's degree in political
25 science from Stanford University; and

26 Whereas Senator Hatfield returned to Willamette University as an associate professor of poli-
27 tical science, where he taught from 1949 to 1956; and

28 Whereas Senator Hatfield served as dean of students at Willamette University from 1950 to 1956;
29 and

30 Whereas Senator Hatfield loved mentoring and teaching, which he demonstrated through his

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1 interactions with both students and staff members; and

2 Whereas Senator Hatfield first represented Oregonians in 1951 as a member of the Oregon
3 House of Representatives, a position to which he was reelected and that he held for four years; and

4 Whereas Senator Hatfield continued to represent Oregonians as a member of the Oregon State
5 Senate from 1955 to 1957; and

6 Whereas Senator Hatfield followed his tenure as state Senator by becoming the youngest Sec-
7 retary of State in Oregon history, a position that he held until 1959; and

8 Whereas Senator Hatfield was elected as Governor in 1958, the youngest person to hold that
9 position in Oregon history; and

10 Whereas Senator Hatfield was reelected in 1962, making him the first two-term Governor of
11 Oregon in the twentieth century; and

12 Whereas Senator Hatfield presided over the construction of Oregon's interstate highway system;
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14 Whereas Senator Hatfield expanded Oregon's state park system and spearheaded a range of en-
15 vironmental policies, including fish conservation and pollution control; and

16 Whereas Senator Hatfield created the statewide community college system and raised teacher
17 salaries as part of his "payrolls and playgrounds" campaign; and

18 Whereas Senator Hatfield created a public defender system; and

19 Whereas Senator Hatfield increased workers' compensation benefits; and

20 Whereas Senator Hatfield continued to represent Oregonians after his second term as Governor
21 by being elected to the United States Senate; and

22 Whereas Senator Hatfield was a United States Senator for a total of 30 years, making him
23 Oregon's longest serving United States Senator; and

24 Whereas Senator Hatfield championed civil rights and urged improvements to health, education
25 and social service programs, making it a priority to address "the desperate human needs in our
26 midst"; and

27 Whereas Senator Hatfield favored decentralizing government and using "neighborhood govern-
28 ment" to encourage participatory democracy; and

29 Whereas Senator Hatfield had innovative ideas for making government more representative of
30 the people, such as eliminating the Electoral College; and

31 Whereas Senator Hatfield fought earnestly throughout his career for the conservation of natural
32 resources, including reforestation practices, the development of alternative sources of energy and
33 pollution control; and

34 Whereas Senator Hatfield, as a member of the Indian Review Commission, was a longtime
35 defender of Native Americans, fighting to protect treaty rights on tribal lands; and

36 Whereas Senator Hatfield disliked the trappings of politics and refused to compromise his values
37 and his constituents' needs; and

38 Whereas Senator Hatfield used his extraordinary intelligence and pragmatism to discern what
39 was most important about each political issue before him; and

40 Whereas Senator Hatfield is known now, as he was known throughout his life, as an independent
41 legislator who voted his conscience; and

42 Whereas Senator Hatfield died peacefully on August 7, 2011, at the age of 89; now, therefore,

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

44 That we, the members of the Seventy-sixth Legislative Assembly, express our gratitude for
45 United States Senator Mark Odom Hatfield's lifelong service to the people of Oregon; and be it

1 further

2 Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be presented with our condolences to Senator Hatfield's

3 family.

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