

# Senate Concurrent Resolution 206

Sponsored by Senator DINGFELDER (Pre-session 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**.

Honors Gail Louise Achterman for her service to Oregon and for her many contributions to family, friends and community.

## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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2       Whereas Gail Louise Achterman was born in Portland, Oregon, on August 1, 1949, and was  
3 raised in Salem, Oregon; and

4       Whereas Gail Louise Achterman graduated from Stanford University with an A.B. degree in  
5 economics, and earned an M.S. degree in natural resource policy and management and a J.D. de-  
6 gree, both from the University of Michigan; and

7       Whereas Gail Louise Achterman began her career working for the United States Department  
8 of the Interior in Washington, D.C., before moving back to Oregon to join a private law firm; and

9       Whereas Gail Louise Achterman holds a deep and abiding devotion to the natural world, par-  
10 ticularly her beloved Willamette Valley; and

11       Whereas Gail Louise Achterman has worked tirelessly to contribute to the prosperity of Oregon  
12 and its natural environment; and

13       Whereas Gail Louise Achterman has demonstrated a commitment to civic duty, volunteering for  
14 numerous boards and charitable organizations; and

15       Whereas Gail Louise Achterman has a long history of public service to Oregon, serving as As-  
16 sistant to the Governor for Natural Resources, as Executive Director of the Deschutes Resources  
17 Conservancy and as the first Director of the Institute for Natural Resources; and

18       Whereas Gail Louise Achterman, after her appointment to the Oregon Transportation Commis-  
19 sion in 2000 by Governor Theodore Kulongoski and during her service as chairperson of the com-  
20 mission from 2007 to 2011, made significant contributions to the work of the commission by building  
21 relationships between stakeholders, increasing the transparency and efficiency of the decision-  
22 making of the Department of Transportation, advocating for environmental stewardship while pro-  
23 moting the streamlining of environmental permitting, and perhaps most importantly, creating an  
24 atmosphere of innovation and cooperation with her energy and optimism; and

25       Whereas Gail Louise Achterman has been a valuable mentor to others, offering her time gen-  
26 erously, sharing her knowledge unselfishly and encouraging others to strive to reach their full po-  
27 tential; and

28       Whereas Gail Louise Achterman has blazed a trail for women throughout her life, beginning as  
29 one of the first female swimmers at South Salem High School to be awarded a letter, as the first  
30 female member of the Arlington Toastmaster Club, and as one of the few female lawyers at Stoel  
31 Rives LLP when she began working there in 1978; and

**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.

1       Whereas Gail Louise Achterman is married to Charles McGinnis, has two stepsons, Daniel and  
2 Ryan, one stepgrandson, many nieces and nephews and three great-nieces and great-nephews; now,  
3 therefore,

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

5       That we, the members of the Seventy-sixth Legislative Assembly, honor, celebrate and express  
6 our appreciation for Gail Louise Achterman's legacy of outstanding service to this state, her nu-  
7 merous achievements, and her contributions to Oregon through her civic commitments and mentor-  
8 ing activities.

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