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Senate Concurrent Resolution 207

Sponsored by Senator DINGFELDER, Representative READ (Pre-session filed.)

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

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

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

Whereas Gail Louise Achterman held a deep and abiding devotion to the natural world, particularly her beloved Willamette Valley; and

Whereas Gail Louise Achterman worked tirelessly throughout her life to contribute to the prosperity of Oregon and its natural environment; and

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

Whereas Gail Louise Achterman had a long history of public service to Oregon, serving as Assistant to the Governor for Natural Resources, as Executive Director of the Deschutes Resources Conservancy and as the first Director of the Institute for Natural Resources; and

Whereas Gail Louise Achterman, after her appointment to the Oregon Transportation Commission in 2000 by Governor John A. Kitzhaber and during her service as chairperson of the commission from 2007 to 2011, made significant contributions to the work of the commission by building relationships between stakeholders, increasing the transparency and efficiency of the decision-making of the Department of Transportation, advocating for environmental stewardship while promoting the streamlining of environmental permitting, and perhaps most importantly, creating an atmosphere of innovation and cooperation with her energy and optimism; and

Whereas Gail Louise Achterman was a valuable mentor to others, offering her time generously, sharing her knowledge unselfishly and encouraging others to strive to reach their full potential; and

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

Whereas Gail Louise Achterman was married to Charles McGinnis and had two stepsons, Daniel and Ryan, one stepgrandson, many nieces and nephews and three great-nieces and great-nephews; and

Whereas Gail Louise Achterman died peacefully on January 28, 2012, at the age of 62; now, therefore,

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

That we, the members of the Seventy-sixth Legislative Assembly, honor, celebrate and express our appreciation for Gail Louise Achterman's legacy of outstanding service to this state, her numerous achievements, and her contributions to Oregon through her civic commitments and mentoring activities; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be presented with our condolences to Gail Louise Achterman's family.

Adopted by Senate February 10, 2012

Robert Taylor, Secretary of Senate

Peter Courtney, President of Senate

Adopted by House February 15, 2012

Bruce Hanna, Speaker of House

Arnie Roblan, Speaker of House