

# Senate Concurrent Resolution 207

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**.

In memoriam: Gail Louise Achterman, 1949-2012.

## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1  
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 held a deep and abiding devotion to the natural world, partic-  
10 ularly her beloved Willamette Valley; and

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

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

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

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

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

**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 and

2 Whereas Gail Louise Achterman died peacefully on January 28, 2012, at the age of 62; 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; and be it further

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

11

---