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Senate Concurrent Resolution 208

Sponsored by Senator SHIELDS, Representatives DEMBROW, FREDERICK; Senators BURDICK, DEVLIN, DINGFELDER, GEORGE, HASS, MONNES ANDERSON, MONROE, OLSEN, ROSENBAUM, THOMSEN, Representatives BAILEY, BARKER, BOONE, DOHERTY, GILLIAM, HUNT, KENNEMER, KENY-GUYER, LINDSAY, NOLAN, PARRISH, READ, SCHAUFLER, SHEEHAN, WAND, WINGARD, WITT (Presession filed.)

Whereas Steven Apotheker lived his life in harmony with his values every day, serving as an environmental advocate and visionary and scholar of recycling; and

Whereas Steven Apotheker was born in Arlington, Virginia, to David and Mildred Apotheker on November 21, 1952, the oldest sibling of Jeffrey, Brent, Ruthann and Alison; and

Whereas Steven Apotheker graduated from high school in Wilmington, Delaware, where he earned the rank of Eagle Scout and participated actively in music, drama and varsity sports; and

Whereas Steven Apotheker earned a bachelor's degree in physics at Drew University in 1974 and a master's degree in physics at the University of Illinois in 1977, where he was a leader in the anti-apartheid movement for university divestment from South Africa; and

Whereas Steven Apotheker began his involvement in recycling by co-founding the Community Recycling Center in Champaign-Urbana, Illinois, and directing it from 1978 to 1989; and

Whereas Steven Apotheker established the Illinois Association of Recycling Centers, helped organize the Midwest Recycling Coalition, drafted statewide recycling and solid waste management legislation and served as the president of the Illinois Recycling Association from 1985 to 1987; and

Whereas Steven Apotheker was named Recycler of the Year in 1990 by the National Recycling Coalition; and

Whereas Steven Apotheker began courting Diane Meisenhelter in 1976 and married her in 1989; and

Whereas the couple moved to Portland, Oregon, where their daughter, Jesse, was born in 1994; and

Whereas Steven Apotheker was a founding member of the OnGoing Community, which has established over the past 22 years an urban farm on which the Apotheker homestead has served as a model for how to combine green building practices and Americans with Disabilities Act accessibility standards; and

Whereas Steven Apotheker worked at Resource Recycling, a national recycling magazine, for almost a decade, adding to his reputation as a leading researcher and policy analyst in the field of resource management; and

Whereas Steven Apotheker served for more than 13 years as a senior policy analyst at Metro, the regional government of the Portland metropolitan region, where his dedication to sustainability and the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions led him to establish Metro's Green Team for the purpose of improving the efficiency and sustainability of Metro's internal operations; and

Whereas Steven Apotheker won the National Recycling Coalition's Lifetime Achievement Award in 2007 and also received the Association of Oregon Recyclers' Individual Recycler of the Year Award in 2007; and

Whereas Steven Apotheker served on the Bottle Bill Task Force established by the Oregon legislature in 2007; and

Whereas Steven Apotheker's recommendations guided the legislature in substantially updating the Bottle Bill in 2011; and

Whereas Steven Apotheker served on the disabilities advisory committee for the Public Utility Commission; and

Whereas Steven Apotheker, during his time in public service, earned a reputation as a groundbreaker, an educator, a genius at data analysis and a person who inspired those around him to think more deeply and more rigorously about humanity's impact on the Earth; and

Whereas Steven Apotheker's influence was felt locally, regionally and nationally; and

Whereas Steven Apotheker's work on behalf of all Oregonians was only exceeded by his devotion to his family, as he always made time to play basketball and softball with his daughter, to go dancing with his wife and to spend time in nature and travel the world with his family; and

Whereas Steven Apotheker died in Portland, Oregon, on Monday, June 20, 2011, after a valiant six-year battle against multiple system atrophy; and

Whereas Steven Apotheker, even though he inspired universal respect for his commitment and his intellectual leadership, will be remembered most fondly for his kindness, selflessness, patience, modesty and lively wit; and

Whereas the environment and the people of Oregon are better off today because of the work, warmth, compassion and dedication of Steven Apotheker; now, therefore,

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

That we, the members of the Seventy-sixth Legislative Assembly, express our gratitude for Steven Apotheker's lifelong commitment to the environment and humanity and for his selfless service on behalf of all Oregonians; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be presented with our condolences to Steven Apotheker's wife, Diane, his daughter, Jesse, and the rest of his family.

Adopted by Senate February 17, 2012

Robert Taylor, Secretary of Senate

Peter Courtney, President of Senate

Adopted by House February 27, 2012

Bruce Hanna, Speaker of House

Arnie Roblan, Speaker of House