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Meeting Dates: 2/13

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Memorializes Patricia Whiting, 1940 – 2010.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

BACKGROUND: A member of the Oregon House of Representatives from 1972 to 1978, Patricia Whiting passed away on June 23, 2010, at the age of 69. During her 3 terms in the Oregon Legislative she championed issues that included smoking bans, banning toxic aerosol cans and the framework for the state's land use planning system. She co-sponsored legislation that led to the world's first ban on ozone depleting spray cans; first tobacco smoking ban; initiating Oregon Project Independence; land use planning (SB 100), and the bottle bill.

Her commitment to the environment brought her work national attention, when she appeared on the Today Show and defended the ozone bill in debate leading to worldwide Kyoto and Montreal protocols. Ms. Whiting was awarded the Eagleton Institute/Rutgers University/Carnegie Foundation "Top 10 US State Legislation Award" in 1975 and was recognized with the Izaak Walton league "Conservationist of the Year" award in 1979. In addition, she received the "Distinguished Service Award" in the City of Tualatin and the "Harold M. Hayes Award" in 2009 for Citizen Involvement in Washington County.

In addition to her work in the legislature, she was a board member for Loaves and Fishes (Tri-County), Eastmoreland Hospital, Beaverton's Police Advisory/Chief Bishop, and Citizen Participation Organization 4M. She was a member of the National Women's Council of State Legislators, National Council of State Legislators, International Platform speakers association and Organization of Women's legislators.

On October 1, 2011, Metzger Park's community center was officially renamed the Patricia D. Whiting Hall to honor her love for the community.