

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

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<b>Action:</b>	Be Adopted
<b>Vote:</b>	7 - 0 - 2
<b>Yeas:</b>	Barnhart, Dembrow, Hicks, Holvey, Jenson, Kennemer, Garrett
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	Berger, Hoyle
<b>Prepared By:</b>	Erin Seiler, Administrator
<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	4/3

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** In memoriam: Robert E. Severson, 1932-2012.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Life of Mr. Severson
- Impact on community of Hermiston
- Commitment to promoting Oregon agriculture

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** A tireless advocate for the City of Hermiston, Robert Severson passed away on December 10, 2012. For nearly two decades, Mr. Severson was an active member of his community, serving on the Hermiston City Council and as mayor of the City of Hermiston. During his years of service, he was dedicated to improving his community, promoting agriculture, and providing assistance to those in need. Mr. Severson dedicated his time to multiple charitable activities including assisting in the construction of Martha's House shelter, Relay for Life, and creation of Hermiston Energy Services to keep the costs of energy down for residents.

Mr. Severson spent numerous hours traveling the state to discussion the importance of eastern Oregon agriculture to the economy to Oregon. He served on the Board of Directors of the Hermiston Chamber of Commerce, as a board member of the Eastern Oregon Trade and Event Center, and as a member of the Hermiston Futures Task Force.

House Resolution 2 honors Robert Severson for his passionate advocacy on behalf of the community of Hermiston and for his service, dedication and contributions to the state of Oregon.