

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Be Adopted
Vote:	8 - 0 - 1
Yeas:	Barnhart, Berger, Dembrow, Hicks, Holvey, Jenson, Kennemer, Garrett
Nays:	0
Exc.:	Hoyle
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Meeting Dates:	4/8

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Designating September 5, 2014, as Saxon Day to recognize South Salem High School's tradition of excellence.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- History of accomplishments including academic, athletic, and musical
- Civic involvement of students and alumni
- Student involvement in leadership and entrepreneur programs
- Unique culinary program
- Achievements and awards received by music department

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Founded September 7, 1954, South Salem High School has been preparing students for post-high school education, for successful careers and for life. For nearly 60 years, South Salem High School has been recognized for its long-standing history of academic rigor, athletic success, culinary achievement, and musical accomplishment.

As one of only 19 high schools in Oregon and the only school in Salem to offer the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma, South Salem High School's IB program is sought out by approximately 53 percent of South Salem High School juniors and seniors. The commitment to high academic standards has resulted in the school having an active chapter of the National Honor Society since 1955.

With 19 state championships at the 4A and 6A levels, South Salem High School has maintained a winning tradition in athletic programs at the highest level that began when Saxon football and tennis teams won state championships in the first year of the school's existence.

In 1987, South Salem High School won the first of 32 state championships in music competitions, two Grammy Awards and recognition as a Grammy Signature School Gold recipient. The Saxon's wind ensemble, choir, and orchestra have been recognized statewide and internationally. The wind ensemble performed in Shanghai and Beijing for the 2008 Summer Olympics.

The accomplishments of South Salem High School students and alumni have been possible because of the support of a community of parents, neighbors and area businesses that have volunteered hundreds of hours of time and donated millions of dollars to support academic programs, classroom needs and school facilities.

House Concurrent Resolution 28 honors South Salem High School for its strong tradition of excellence and recognizes Friday, September 5, 2014, as Saxon Day.

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