

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

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| Action:        | Be Adopted   |
| Vote:          | 9 - 0 - 0  |
| Yeas:          | Barnhart, Berger, Dembrow, Hicks, Holvey, Hoyle, Jenson, Kennemer, Garrett |
| Nays:          | 0  |
| Exc.:          | 0  |
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| Meeting Dates: | 5/6  |

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Memorializes life and contributions of Rob Ingram, (1973-2011).

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Ability to connect with people in all walks of life
- Tireless work to improve lives of young people
- Contributions to organizations as a leader
- Loss to community because of early death

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

**BACKGROUND:** Rob Ingram was a tireless advocate for young people, serving as a mentor, counselor, and as the director of the City of Portland’s Office of Youth Violence Prevention. Mr. Ingram was known for doing whatever worked in his efforts on behalf of kids for whom too few seemed to care. He would often be on the street, helping kids in gangs, or others trying to break free from an existence that seemed to carry little hope, using whatever means he had – his wisdom, his experience, and, often, his sense of humor. He was known for being direct, fair, honest, and a man of profound integrity. He was also a man of courage and compassion. He died suddenly of a heart attack on November 27, 2011, at the age of 38.

Rob Ingram was born May 13, 1973 in McMinnville, Oregon. After spending his early childhood in California, Ingram returned to Oregon, graduating from Grant High School and, later, Warner Pacific College with a degree in business administration, *cum laude*. During his life he served as the Executive Director of Positive Youth Development and Empowerment Initiatives, Inc., worked as a counselor at Emmanuel Community Services and as a program director for the Boys and Girls Clubs of America, evidencing throughout a profound dedication to improving the lives of children and youth. He was a member and leader in many community organizations, including Big Brothers Big Sisters of Columbia NW, Woodlawn Elementary Site Council, served as Chair of The Safe Place, and as President of the Urban League of Portland’s Young Professionals. He was also an active member of his church, The International Fellowship Family.

Mr. Ingram is survived by his wife, Dana, and five children: ShaMyua, Derriel, Renee, Njeri, and Kai. His life was celebrated in a memorial service attended by more than 1,000 people on December 2, 2011. Among the many writings he left behind is the following: *“I have a very simple philosophy: I try to use every day as an opportunity to do something to improve myself, my family, my community and thereby my society. In doing so, I know that I am changing the future for the better. I embody my purpose on this planet as one who exists to make things better for those who will take the reins next. I take that philosophy very seriously, but myself seldom. I laugh at myself because, well, why not?”*

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