

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** No fiscal impact

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<b>Action:</b>	Be Adopted
<b>Vote:</b>	4 - 0 - 1
<b>Yeas:</b>	Beyer, Ferrioli, Starr, Rosenbaum
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	Burdick
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	6/19

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Honors Ashton James Eaton for outstanding achievements.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Achievements and dedication of Mr. Eaton
- Service of Mr. Eaton to his community and to the state

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

**BACKGROUND:** At the 2012 Summer Olympics, Bend native and University of Oregon graduate, Ashton James Eaton earned the title of "The World's Greatest Athlete" when he set a new world record and won the gold medal in the decathlon.

Athletic from an early age, Mr. Eaton grew up competing in football, basketball, running, soccer, and wrestling. He attended Mountain View High School in Bend, where his interest in track and field led him to the state high school title in the 400 meters and the long jump. After graduating from high school, Mr. Eaton attended the University of Oregon because of its strong decathlon program. In 2008, Mr. Eaton won his first of three consecutive decathlon titles at the NCAA Men's Outdoor Track and Field Championship. In 2009, he won the heptathlon title at the NCAA Indoor Championships and earned the Division I field athlete of the year award. At the 2010 NCAA Indoor Championships, Mr. Eaton broke the heptathlon world record with a score of 6,499, eclipsing Dan O'Brien's 17-year-old mark by 23 points. In 2010, Mr. Eaton won The Bowerman, an award given annually to the best male and female U.S. collegiate track and field athletes.

In addition to his collegiate success, Mr. Eaton competed nationally and internationally in the decathlon where he placed 5<sup>th</sup> at the 2008 U.S. Olympic Team Trials, placed 2<sup>nd</sup> at the 2009 USA Outdoor Track and Field Championships, and 18<sup>th</sup> at the 2009 World Championships in Athletics. In August 2011, at the World Championships in Athletics, Mr. Eaton won the silver medal in the decathlon, and in 2012, in addition to his Olympics success, he won the gold medal at the 2012 IAAF World Indoor Championships in the heptathlon competition.

House Concurrent Resolution 31 honors Ashton James Eaton for his outstanding athletic achievements and awards in track and field, for his exemplary character and for bringing great pride to the State of Oregon through his inspiring accomplishments in the United States and internationally.