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House Concurrent Resolution 18

Sponsored by Representative PARRISH, Senator DEVLIN

Whereas the City of West Linn is located between the Willamette and Tualatin Rivers in Clackamas County, Oregon; and

Whereas settlers first occupied the area now known as West Linn in the early 1840s, when Robert Moore purchased 1,000 acres of land from the Wallamut Indians and built a town that would eventually be named "Linn City"; and

Whereas donation land claims were made in the area by Hugh and Daniel Burns, D. D. Tompkins, George and Gabriel Walling, Samuel Shannon, Julie Ann Lewis, William Bland, Marshall Perrin and Ambrose and Joseph Fields; and

Whereas the papermaking and electricity-generating businesses and the Willamette Falls Locks brought more settlers to the area; and

Whereas citing the need for clean and reliable water, the West Side Improvement Club voted to incorporate a new city in the area; and

Whereas "Linn City" was named for United States Senator Lewis F. Linn, who advocated tirelessly for passage of the Donation Land Claim Act and was a proponent of United States occupation of Oregon Territory as a counterclaim to the British; and

Whereas the City of West Linn was incorporated on August 15, 1913, and encompassed the neighborhoods of Bolton, Sunset, West Oregon City, Willamette Heights and, as of 1916, the former town of Willamette; and

Whereas the 1860 census listed 225 residents in the area, by 1920 the City of West Linn had a population of 1,628 and by July 1, 2012, the population had grown to 25,370; and

Whereas history must be preserved and remembered, therefore the City of West Linn is celebrating its centennial year by hosting events throughout 2013; and

Whereas the City of West Linn, Mayor John Kovash, City Councilors Jenni Tan, Jody Carson, Thomas Frank and Mike Jones and the West Linn Chamber of Commerce encourage all Oregon residents to learn more about the importance of the City of West Linn's community history and join in the year-long celebration; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:

That we, the members of the Seventy-seventh Legislative Assembly, commemorate the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the founding of the City of West Linn and extend our gratitude and best wishes to those who live in and serve the City of West Linn.

Adopted by House May 21, 2013
Ramona J. Line, Chief Clerk of House
Tina Kotek, Speaker of House
Adopted by Senate June 11, 2013
Peter Courtney, President of Senate