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# House Concurrent Resolution 2

Sponsored by Representative GELSER, Senator CLOSE; Representatives HANNA, OLSON, Senators BOQUIST, COURTNEY (Pre-session filed.)

Whereas Mario Pastega was a prominent business and philanthropic leader in the Willamette Valley; and

Whereas Mario Pastega graduated from high school at the age of 16 and went on to earn a degree at the Armstrong School of Business in Berkeley, California; and

Whereas Mario Pastega married his best friend and partner, Alma Solari, in 1938, and together they raised five children; and

Whereas Mario Pastega served in the United States Navy during World War II; and

Whereas Mario Pastega came to Oregon in 1948 to purchase an interest in a Pepsi-Cola bottling plant in Klamath Falls and moved to Corvallis in 1961 to purchase and operate another Pepsi-Cola bottling plant; and

Whereas Mario Pastega was a visionary leader in the soft drink industry, serving as president of the Oregon Soft Drink Association; and

Whereas Mario Pastega was inducted into the Beverage World Hall of Fame in 2002; and

Whereas Mario Pastega leveraged his success in business to the benefit of his community, volunteered as a driver for Meals on Wheels, served on the board of directors of numerous nonprofit organizations and donated to many causes, particularly in education and health care; and

Whereas Mario Pastega recognized the value of education professionals and established the Mario and Alma Pastega Golden Apple Award to celebrate excellence in service within the Corvallis School District; and

Whereas Mario Pastega supported scholarships at Oregon State University, Linn-Benton Community College and Western Oregon University; and

Whereas Mario Pastega's leadership led to successful fundraising efforts for the Good Samaritan Regional Cancer Center in Corvallis, the renovation of the Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center intensive care unit and outpatient surgery center and the Ralph Hull Regional Heart Center; and

Whereas Mario and Alma Pastega, as the primary benefactors to establish the Mario Pastega House at the Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center, offered comfort and hospitality to Oregonians and their families facing serious illness; and

Whereas Mario Pastega's friendly spirit led him to visit the Mario Pastega House each day in order to greet guests and personally check on their comfort; and

Whereas Mario Pastega was recognized with the Oregon Philanthropy Award, the Corvallis Senior First Citizen award and the Oregon Ethics in Business Award; and

Whereas each holiday season, Mario and Alma Pastega brought joy to adults and children through the annual free glittering display of lights, animation, music and hand-painted characters at the Pepsi-Cola plant; and

Whereas Mario Pastega made Corvallis a better place to live through his lifelong ethics of working hard, serving others and loving life; and

Whereas Mario Pastega passed away on January 20, 2012; now, therefore,

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

That we, the members of the Seventy-seventh Legislative Assembly, express our gratitude to Mario Pastega for a life generously lived, and offer our sympathies and condolences to his family; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Mario and Alma Pastega in recognition of their immeasurable contributions to this state.

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Adopted by House February 27, 2013

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Ramona J. Line, Chief Clerk of House

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Tina Kotek, Speaker of House

Adopted by Senate April 1, 2013

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Peter Courtney, President of Senate