

House Concurrent Resolution 2

Sponsored by Representative GELSER, Senator CLOSE; Representative OLSON (Pre-session filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

In memoriam: Mario Pastega, 1916-2012.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1
2 Whereas Mario Pastega was a prominent business and philanthropic leader in the Willamette
3 Valley; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

21 Whereas Mario Pastega supported scholarships at Oregon State University, Linn-Benton Com-
22 munity College and Western Oregon University; and

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

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

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

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

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

HCR 2

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

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

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

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

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

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

13
