

House Concurrent Resolution 28

Sponsored by Representatives CLEM, CAMERON, Senator COURTNEY, Representative BERGER, Senator WINTERS

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**.

Designates September 5, 2014, as Saxon Day to recognize South Salem High School's tradition of excellence.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1
2 Whereas South Salem High School has been preparing students for post-high school education,
3 for successful careers and for life for nearly 60 years, beginning on September 7, 1954; and

4 Whereas South Salem High School has established long-standing traditions of quality education
5 and student involvement in athletics, music and other extracurricular activities; and

6 Whereas in 1987 South Salem High School was honored as a National Blue Ribbon School, one
7 of the highest honors bestowed on a school in the United States; and

8 Whereas numerous South Salem High School students have been recognized as National Merit
9 Scholarship Program Commended Students and National Merit Scholarship Program Semifinalists;
10 and

11 Whereas South Salem High School is one of only 19 high schools in Oregon and the only school
12 in Salem to offer the International Baccalaureate Diploma; and

13 Whereas the academically rigorous International Baccalaureate program, first offered at South
14 Salem High School in 1999, is pursued by approximately 53 percent of South Salem High School
15 juniors and seniors; and

16 Whereas South Salem High School has maintained an active chapter of the National Honor So-
17 ciety since 1955; and

18 Whereas South Salem High School has maintained a winning tradition in athletic programs at
19 the highest levels; and

20 Whereas South Salem High School athletic teams have won 19 state championships at the 4A
21 and 6A levels; and

22 Whereas South Salem High School's football and tennis teams both won state championships in
23 the first year of the school's existence; and

24 Whereas the Rowdy Dowd spirit group began in 1955 and is still a significant part of the South
25 Salem High School tradition of student involvement; and

26 Whereas nearly 150 students are involved each year with the South Salem High School chapter
27 of DECA; and

28 Whereas the South Salem High School chapter of DECA performs successfully at both the state
29 and international levels, with 177 students qualifying for the DECA International Career Develop-
30 ment Conference since 2006; and

31 Whereas the South Salem High School culinary program is one of the top-ranked high school

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1 culinary programs in the United States; and

2 Whereas the South Salem High School culinary team took fourth place in the 2012 National
3 ProStart Student Invitational after winning the Oregon ProStart High School Culinary Champion-
4 ships, and has appeared at the national competition five times; and

5 Whereas South Salem High School has won 32 state championships in music competitions since
6 1987; and

7 Whereas South Salem High School has won two Grammy Awards and is a Grammy Signature
8 School Gold recipient; and

9 Whereas students in South Salem High School music programs have performed all over the
10 world, including Europe and Asia; and

11 Whereas the South Salem High School community of parents, neighbors and area businesses
12 have privately donated millions of dollars to support academic programs, classroom needs and im-
13 provement of school facilities, including football, soccer, baseball and softball fields, batting cages,
14 the state-of-the-art basketball court and gym floor, concession stands and restrooms; and

15 Whereas South Salem High School graduates include teachers, doctors, attorneys, rocket scien-
16 tists, collegiate and professional athletes, athletic coaches, composers, actors, a university president
17 and parents of South Salem High School alumni and current students; now, therefore,

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

19 That we, the members of the Seventy-seventh Legislative Assembly, recognize South Salem High
20 School for maintaining a strong tradition of excellence throughout its nearly 60 years of educating
21 Salem students; and be it further

22 Resolved, That Friday, September 5, 2014, be recognized as Saxon Day throughout this state; and
23 be it further

24 Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be presented to South Salem High School and the
25 Salem-Keizer Public Schools school district.

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