

House Concurrent Resolution 9

Sponsored by Representative FREDERICK; Representatives BAILEY, BOONE, DOHERTY, HOYLE, KENY-GUYER, WITT (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: Harold Williams, 1943-2012.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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2 Whereas Harold Williams was a business leader in Oregon, serving as president of CH2A and
3 Associates, Inc., as president of the Portland-based African American Chamber of Commerce of
4 Oregon and as a consultant to the Portland Development Commission in their efforts to expand
5 contracts for minority- and woman-owned businesses; and

6 Whereas Harold Williams was a community leader, dedicating thousands of hours of service to
7 civic, religious and cultural activities, including service on the board of directors of St. Mary's
8 Home for Boys and on the advisory board for the Oregon Convention and Visitor Services Network;
9 and

10 Whereas Harold Williams was presented with the Portland Jaycees Man of the Year Award and
11 named in Jet Magazine, a national publication, for Outstanding Achievement in Human Services; and

12 Whereas Harold Williams was a pioneer in the African-American community, serving as chair-
13 person of the Coalition of Black Men and chairperson of the Youth Committee of the National As-
14 sociation for the Advancement of Colored People and as an active voice within the Black Leadership
15 Conference and the Urban League; and

16 Whereas Harold Williams committed his life to the pursuit of social justice, serving as Director
17 of Affirmative Action and Equal Opportunity Coordinator to Governor Robert Straub, as the Labor
18 Relations Manager for the executive branch of the State of Oregon and as a consultant to the
19 Oregon Youth Authority; and

20 Whereas Harold Williams was a nationally recognized public speaker and host of "People with
21 Harold Williams," a television program that aired on KGW-TV in the 1970s; and

22 Whereas Harold Williams was dedicated to education, receiving his bachelor's and master's de-
23 grees from Portland State University, serving as director of the Learning Center at Portland State
24 University and teaching and mentoring students at Linfield College; and

25 Whereas Harold Williams expressed his passion and commitment to public post-secondary edu-
26 cation through his three decades of service, having been elected to serve six terms on the board of
27 directors of Portland Community College and leading the charge to bring community college edu-
28 cational opportunities to north and northeast Portland, as well as promoting programs such as the
29 Success Academy, through which spiritual and cultural leaders assist Portland Community College
30 students who have been involved in the juvenile justice system; and

31 Whereas Harold Williams' life is embodied in his favorite quote, attributed to William Barclay:

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.

1 “Always give without remembering; always receive without forgetting”; and

2 Whereas Harold Williams passed away on July 1, 2012, leaving many family members whose
3 lives he touched, including three children, his father, his stepfather, six siblings, three grandchil-
4 dren, his companion and many nieces, nephews and cousins; now, therefore,

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

6 That we, the members of the Seventy-seventh Legislative Assembly, recognize and express our
7 appreciation for Harold Williams’ outstanding service and numerous achievements throughout his
8 life on behalf of community colleges, the community at large and the State of Oregon.

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