

House Resolution 1

Sponsored by Representatives SMITH, HUFFMAN

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**.

Honors Wheeler County Judge Jeanne Burch for exemplary leadership and service to community.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

Whereas Jeanne Burch was appointed as Wheeler County judge in 1994; and

Whereas Judge Burch has served as not only the county judge but also as probate and juvenile court judge, county administrator and chair of the county court; and

Whereas at the time of Judge Burch's appointment, Wheeler County was close to bankruptcy following the decline of the region's timber industry; and

Whereas Judge Burch toured the county to explain to residents the dire financial situation and persuade them to vote to raise taxes and bring Wheeler County back to solvency; and

Whereas the historic Wheeler County Courthouse had been falling into disrepair, and Judge Burch was able to secure funding for renovation; and

Whereas Judge Burch was a founding board member of Frontier TeleNet, helping to implement communications services and rural broadband in Gilliam, Sherman and Wheeler Counties and facilitating public education, health and safety communications; and

Whereas Judge Burch led efforts to bring cellular telephone coverage to the City of Fossil and the northern portion of Wheeler County-efforts that were rewarded with the construction of the area's first cell tower; and

Whereas Judge Burch secured funding from Sustainable Oregon for the Oregon Paleo Project and the Oregon Paleo Lands Institute Field Center; and

Whereas Judge Burch was instrumental in securing a grant from the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development for the construction of a new family services center in Wheeler County; and

Whereas Judge Burch serves as vice chair of the Commission for Women; and

Whereas Judge Burch played a key role in recent efforts to promote better health and wellness for all Wheeler County residents by setting up a community gym; and

Whereas Judge Burch has helped boost local tourism with such efforts as the creation of a bluegrass festival that draws hundreds of visitors every summer; and

Whereas Judge Burch has brought a wealth of worldly experience, wisdom and dedication to her position and leaves a lasting legacy of positive change in Wheeler County; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Oregon:

That we, the members of the House of Representatives of the Seventy-seventh Legislative Assembly, honor Judge Jeanne Burch for her exemplary leadership and service to the community 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.

1 wish her the best as she enters retirement.

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