

## **Enrolled**

# **House Resolution 3**

Sponsored by Representative GELSER

Whereas Barbara Lou Callaway Sackett was born in Salem, Oregon, on July 16, 1932, to Warren Callaway and Lena Pearl Kean; and

Whereas Barbara Sackett was the great-great-great-granddaughter of Oregon pioneer Eliza Hart Spalding, who came west in 1832 and whose image graces the mural in the Oregon State Capitol rotunda; and

Whereas Barbara Sackett attended Salem High School and went on to earn a Bachelor of Science degree in elementary teaching from the Oregon College of Education in Monmouth in 1953; and

Whereas Barbara Sackett met her husband, Harry Sackett, while teaching school in Bridge, Oregon; and

Whereas Barbara and Harry Sackett raised eight children together, as well as volunteering in the community and caring for Barbara's aging mother; and

Whereas in 1956 Barbara Sackett welcomed the birth of a daughter with Down syndrome and refused all advice to place her in the institution at Fairview Training Center; and

Whereas Barbara Sackett devoted her life to changing attitudes and perceptions about people experiencing intellectual or developmental disabilities; and

Whereas Barbara Sackett not only advocated for her daughter, but also focused on opening doors for all individuals with intellectual disabilities so that they could have family support and access to education, work, community activities and housing; and

Whereas Barbara Sackett became the first developmental disabilities professional in this state and wrote the original grant that grew into the State of Oregon's innovative support services brokerage system; and

Whereas Barbara Sackett earned a master's degree in special education in 1971; and

Whereas Barbara Sackett's advocacy allowed children with disabilities in Corvallis to attend school before state or federal law required it; and

Whereas Barbara Sackett's advocacy helped pass special education laws in the State of Oregon, making the State of Oregon one of the first states in the country to allow children with disabilities to attend public school; and

Whereas Barbara Sackett served as a mentor and support to other families, encouraging them to have high expectations for their children with disabilities; and

Whereas Barbara Sackett served as president of The Arc of Benton County, The Arc of Oregon and The Arc of the United States; and

Whereas Barbara Sackett traveled to Europe to help disability leaders build more inclusive communities on the other side of the Atlantic Ocean; and

Whereas Barbara Sackett became a community leader on transportation and housing issues, including service on the board of directors of Willamette Neighborhood Housing Services and the Benton County Special Transportation Advisory Committee; and

Whereas Barbara Sackett's tireless volunteerism was recognized with multiple awards, including the Corvallis Senior First Citizen Award in 2001 and the Governor's Volunteer Award in 2008; and

Whereas Barbara Sackett's visionary advocacy for people with intellectual or developmental disabilities improved the lives of thousands of Oregonians and led to her daughter's living independently in her own apartment as a valued member of the community; and

Whereas Barbara Sackett was a staunch supporter of the arts and an avid Oregon State University Beavers fan; and

Whereas Barbara Sackett was proud of her eight children, her 14 grandchildren and her 16 great-grandchildren, frequently sharing stories and photos of them with friends and colleagues; and

Whereas Barbara Sackett continued her community service to-do list through the final hours of her life; and

Whereas Barbara Sackett adopted the motto, "Do small things with great love"; and

Whereas Barbara Sackett joined her ancestors on the evening of September 21, 2012, the last day of summer; 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, express our gratitude and admiration to Barbara Lou Callaway Sackett for a lifetime of extraordinary service, professionalism and advocacy, and offer our sympathies and condolences to her family; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Barbara Lou Callaway Sackett in recognition of her tireless devotion to building accessible, inclusive and affordable communities for all Oregonians.

---

Adopted by House April 12, 2013

---

Ramona J. Line, Chief Clerk of House

---

Tina Kotek, Speaker of House