

House Resolution 3

Sponsored by Representative GELSER

SUMMARY

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In memoriam: Barbara Sackett, 1932-2012.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

31 Whereas Barbara Sackett served as president of The Arc of Benton County, The Arc of Oregon
32 and The Arc of the United States; 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 Whereas Barbara Sackett traveled to Europe to help disability leaders build more inclusive
2 communities on the other side of the Atlantic Ocean; and

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

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

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

11 Whereas Barbara Sackett was a staunch supporter of the arts and an avid Oregon State Uni-
12 versity Beavers fan; and

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

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

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

18 Whereas Barbara Sackett joined her ancestors on the evening of September 21, 2012, the last
19 day of summer; now, therefore,

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

21 That we, the members of the House of Representatives of the Seventy-seventh Legislative As-
22 sembly, express our gratitude and admiration to Barbara Lou Callaway Sackett for a lifetime of
23 extraordinary service, professionalism and advocacy, and offer our sympathies and condolences to
24 her family; and be it further

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

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