

**Enrolled**  
**Senate Concurrent Resolution 16**

Sponsored by Senators THOMSEN, COURTNEY, OLSEN, Representative PARRISH, Senator BOQUIST, Representative WITT, Senator SHIELDS, Representatives MATTHEWS, BARTON, JENSON, Senator DEVLIN, Representative ESQUIVEL; Senators BAERTSCHIGER JR, BURDICK, CLOSE, DINGFELDER, FERRIOLI, GEORGE, GIROD, HANSELL, KNOPP, KRUSE, MONNES ANDERSON, PROZANSKI, ROBLAN, WHITSETT, WINTERS, Representatives DEMBROW, FAGAN, GORSEK, HICKS, KENNEMER, REARDON

Whereas United Service Organizations (USO) was founded in 1941 and has been fulfilling its mission of lifting the spirits of America's troops and their families with collaboration, accountability, respect, gratitude and innovation for 70 years; and

Whereas with the generous donations of volunteers and contributors, the USO now serves thousands of troops at hundreds of entertainment events each year and through an extensive range of programs and services at more than 160 locations in 27 states and 14 countries; and

Whereas USO programs and services support the morale, welfare, social and entertainment needs of troops serving in combat, their families, wounded warriors and their families and families of the fallen; and

Whereas USO volunteers provide a home away from home for the troops and help keep them connected to the families they left behind; and

Whereas USO military lounges and welcome centers at many airports in the United States provide essential respite for troops on the move; now, therefore,

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

That we, the members of the Seventy-seventh Legislative Assembly, express our support and gratitude for the selfless service and sacrifice of members of the Armed Forces of the United States and for the work of United Service Organizations; and be it further

Resolved, That we support the establishment of a welcome center for members of the Armed Forces of the United States at Portland International Airport.

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Adopted by Senate April 18, 2013

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Robert Taylor, Secretary of Senate

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Peter Courtney, President of Senate

Adopted by House May 28, 2013

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Tina Kotek, Speaker of House