

Senate Concurrent Resolution 6

Sponsored by Senators SHIELDS, BURDICK; Senator ROSENBAUM, Representative WILLIAMSON

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: William E. Connor, M.D., 1921-2009.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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2 Whereas William E. Connor, M.D., was born on September 14, 1921, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania,
3 grew up in Dubuque, Iowa, and attended the University of Iowa, receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree
4 and a Doctor of Medicine degree after serving in the United States Army Signal Corps in Hawaii
5 during World War II; and

6 Whereas after 14 years on the faculty in the Department of Internal Medicine, University of
7 Iowa College of Medicine, including seven years as director of the Clinical Research Center, William
8 E. Connor moved to Portland in 1975 and became a faculty member in the Department of Medicine
9 at Oregon Health and Science University; and

10 Whereas William E. Connor was a physician scientist and a pioneer in diet and heart disease
11 research, studying dietary cholesterol, omega-3 fats, changing eating habits and diseases of sterol
12 metabolism; and

13 Whereas William E. Connor was devoted to his patients at Oregon Health and Science Univer-
14 sity, the Neighborhood Health Clinic and the Wallace Medical Clinic; and

15 Whereas William E. Connor worked tirelessly on many social justice issues, including promoting
16 racial equality during the Civil Rights Movement in the 1960s, advocating for peace during the
17 Vietnam War, serving on multiple City Club research groups, two of which studied early childhood
18 development and the minimum wage, and working to alleviate homelessness and poverty by sup-
19 porting both social service agencies and public policy proposals meant to help change conditions
20 that result in homelessness and poverty; and

21 Whereas William E. Connor worked with Iowans Against the Death Penalty from 1962 until the
22 death penalty was repealed in Iowa in 1965 and continued working to oppose the death penalty after
23 moving to Oregon as a chief petitioner of the Life for a Life ballot initiative effort and chair
24 emeritus of Oregonians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty; and

25 Whereas William E. Connor was in constant contact with legislators to promote passage of
26 policies to help the disadvantaged; and

27 Whereas William E. Connor supported the Friends of Marquam Nature Park to promote the
28 development of new trails, and was also a supporter of the Nature Conservancy; and

29 Whereas William E. Connor was an avid bike rider and climber, having climbed Mt. Hood, Mt.
30 Adams and Mt. St. Helens; and

31 Whereas William E. Connor was a devoted family man who instilled in his children and grand-
32 children a love of books, hiking, biking, camping, gardening and especially a passion for helping

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1 others; and

2 Whereas William E. Connor passed away on October 25, 2009, leaving behind his wife, Sonja,
3 his five children, eight grandchildren and numerous extended family members and friends; now,
4 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, honor William E. Connor,
7 M.D., for his many achievements and contributions, both scientific and humanitarian, and extend our
8 sympathies and condolences to his family.

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