

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Be Adopted
Vote:	9 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Barnhart, Berger, Harker, Hicks, Holvey, Jenson, Kennemer, Smith Warner, Hoyle
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
Prepared By:	Erin Seiler, Administrator
Meeting Dates:	2/24

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Honoring Thomas Vaughan, 1924-2013.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Work of Mr. Vaughan in transforming Oregon Historical Society
- Commitment, civic education and engagement
- Mr. Vaughan's effort to preserve Oregon's history

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: On December 6, 2013, Thomas Vaughan, the longtime executive director of the Oregon Historical Society, died at the age of 89. During his 35-year tenure, Mr. Vaughan led the development of the Oregon Historical Society into a premier organization by creating high-quality exhibits, establishing international connections and leading local historic preservation efforts. He and his late wife, Elizabeth Crownhart Vaughan, also left their imprint on the community through their participation in numerous civic organizations and boards.

Mr. Vaughan has been credited with transforming the Oregon Historical Society into a modern research library, museum, publisher, and statewide educational institution. Named the Historian Laureate by the Legislative Assembly in 1989, Mr. Vaughan was instrumental in the preservation of Oregon's history, through his acquisition of the largest collection of Oregon-related library and museum materials in the world for the Oregon Historical Society.

Enlarging on historians' natural role as guides for their communities, he went on to help launch and build the many Oregon agencies that preserve the state's buildings, conserve its land, enrich the cultural lives of its citizens, promulgate its literature, sustain its tourism industry, and strengthen its citizens' sense of place as Oregonians. The National Endowments for the Arts and Humanities, the Oregon Arts Commission, Oregon Humanities Council, 1000 Friends of Oregon, the Oregon Community Foundation, Oregon Heritage Commission, Portland Opera, Oregon's colleges and public schools, our state and public libraries, the Oregon State Archives, the State Legislature, the Governor's Office, and dozens of other national, state, county, and local organizations benefitted from his leadership.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 203 recognizes the countless contributions made to the history and culture of Oregon by Thomas Vaughan.