House Concurrent Resolution 204

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON RULES

SUMMARY

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Honors William "Bill" Johnson for being first American male to win gold medal at Olympic Games in Alpine event.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Whereas William "Bill" Johnson burst onto the international stage in 1984 when he won an unexpected victory on the renowned Lauberhorn course in Wengen, Switzerland; and

Whereas Bill Johnson's victory on the Lauberhorn was the first ever for an American male in a World Cup downhill competition; and

Whereas one month later at the 1984 Winter Olympic Games in Sarajevo, Yugoslavia, Bill Johnson predicted a gold medal win for himself after several training runs, sparking skepticism from European competitors who dominated the sport; and

Whereas Bill Johnson made good on his prediction, becoming the first American male to win Olympic gold in an Alpine event after finishing 0.27 seconds ahead of Peter Mueller of Switzerland; and

Whereas after his historic win at the Olympics, Bill Johnson went on to take two more World Cup downhill victories in Aspen and Whistler that season; and

Whereas Bill Johnson has demonstrated indomitable spirit and determination in battling personal obstacles, tragedies and traumatic injuries; and

Whereas Bill Johnson was born in Los Angeles, California, but has strong ties to Oregon, where he attended high school and currently resides; and

Whereas Bill Johnson's historic achievements will not be soon forgotten; now, therefore,

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

That we, the members of the Seventy-seventh Legislative Assembly, honor William "Bill" Johnson and his place in the pantheon of American athletes who were pioneers in their sport.

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