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Senate Concurrent Resolution 201

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Whereas the Oregon Supreme Court Building is among the oldest and most distinctive public buildings of this state; and

Whereas the Oregon Supreme Court Building is the seat of the Oregon Supreme Court and is also home to the Oregon Court of Appeals, the State Court Administrator and the State Law Library; and

Whereas the idea for a Supreme Court building separate from the State Capitol was first proposed in 1911 in a bill introduced by Senator John A. Carson; and

Whereas the Oregon Supreme Court Building was designed by William C. Knighton, the first official State Architect, and was completed in 1914; and

Whereas the Supreme Court first heard arguments in its courtroom in the Oregon Supreme Court Building on February 14, 1914; and

Whereas the Oregon Supreme Court Building was officially dedicated on February 27, 1914, with speeches delivered by Governor Oswald West and Chief Justice Thomas A. McBride; and

Whereas the State Law Library located in the Oregon Supreme Court Building houses a distinguished collection of legal resources and rare books; and

Whereas the Oregon Supreme Court Building has survived damage from several catastrophic events, including the 1935 fire in the State Capitol and the 1993 Scotts Mills earthquake; and

Whereas extensive renovation efforts that spanned several decades beginning in the 1980s restored many of the unique fixtures of the Oregon Supreme Court building, preserving its historical significance while also modernizing its facilities to accommodate technological advances; and

Whereas the Oregon Supreme Court Building is characterized by elegance and artistry, with an exterior of cream terra cotta, marble finish in the interior, tile flooring, an ornate spiral staircase with a unique marble, iron and wood combination and a stained glass ceiling in the third floor courtroom depicting a likeness of the state seal; and

Whereas the Oregon Supreme Court Building has played an important role in the history of this state; 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 the distinguished role of the Oregon Supreme Court Building in the legal proceedings of this state and celebrate the 100th anniversary of the first case heard therein.

Adopted by Senate February 14, 2014

Robert Taylor, Secretary of Senate

Peter Courtney, President of Senate

Adopted by House February 28, 2014

Tina Kotek, Speaker of House