

Senate Concurrent Resolution 201

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SUMMARY

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Celebrates 100th anniversary of Oregon Supreme Court Building.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

4 Whereas the Oregon Supreme Court Building is the seat of the Oregon Supreme Court and is
5 also home to the Oregon Court of Appeals, the State Court Administrator and the State Law Li-
6 brary; and

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

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

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

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

15 Whereas the State Law Library located in the Oregon Supreme Court Building houses a distin-
16 guished collection of legal resources and rare books; and

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

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

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

26 Whereas the Oregon Supreme Court Building has played an important role in the history of this
27 state; now, therefore,

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

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29 That we, the members of the Seventy-seventh Legislative Assembly, honor the distinguished role
30 of the Oregon Supreme Court Building in the legal proceedings of this state and celebrate the 100th
31 anniversary of the first case heard therein.

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

