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Meeting Dates: 3/17

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** In memoriam: Blaine Whipple, 1930-2015.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

-1 amendment: Identifies contributions made while serving as State Senator during 1975 and 1977 legislative sessions.

**BACKGROUND:** Former Oregon State Senator, Blaine Whipple, passed away on January 3, 2015, surrounded by his family.

He was born to Blaine and Pearl Whipple on February 22, 1930, in a log cabin in Martin, South Dakota, within the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. After serving four years in the United States Navy, Whipple earned a Master of Science degree from the University of Oregon in Journalism and Political Science. He went on to a career in business as an executive with the Pacific Slope Newspapers of Seattle; vice-president of Randall Construction and owner and broker of Blaine Whipple Realty of Portland.

Whipple was driven by his determination to make the world a better and more just place, which he believed could be accomplished through political involvement. He immersed himself in elections and politics as Executive Director of the Democratic Party of Oregon; Oregon Senator; chairperson of the Washington County Intermediate Education District; chairperson of the Tualatin Valley Water District and treasurer of Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue.

Whipple's beloved wife, Ines, passed away seven months before him, and just short of their 48th wedding anniversary. He is survived by his children, Judith Steele, Bob Steele and Scott Whipple, his grandchildren, Sydney, Will, Miles, Breanna, Spencer and Turner, his great-grandson, Huck, his sister, Mary Anne McPherson, and many nieces and nephews.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 8 honors the life and achievements of Blaine Whipple and extends gratitude for his work toward bettering the lives of Oregonians.