

Seventy-Eighth Oregon Legislative Assembly - 2015 Regular Session
STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
House Committee On Rules

MEASURE: HR 3
CARRIER: Rep. Frederick

Fiscal: No Fiscal Impact
Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 03/06/15

Action: Be Adopted.

Meeting Dates: 03/06

Vote:

Yeas: 5 - Hoyle, Kennemer, Nosse, Rayfield, Smith Warner

Exc: 4 - Barnhart, Gilliam, McLane, Wilson

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

In memoriam: Obo Addy, 1936-2012.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Life of Obo Addy
- Recognition as “master drummer”
- Performances worldwide with his brothers
- Contribution to Northwest music community
- Multiple honors and awards

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Obo Addy, a pioneer in the Pacific Northwest for African music and culture, passed away on September 13, 2012.

Obo Addy, born in 1936 in Ghana to a priest and medicine man, was designated as a “master drummer” at the age of six. He built a career by performing with numerous bands that blended western pop music with traditional African sounds. After touring around the world with his brothers, Addy moved to Portland in 1978, continuing to perform and compose music and joining the faculty at Lewis and Clark College as a professor of music.

Mr. Addy has been recognized with multiple honors including: the Governor’s Art Award in 1993, a National Heritage Fellowship from the National Endowment for the Arts in 1996, and fellowships from the Regional Arts and Culture Council and the Oregon Arts Commission.

House Resolution 3 honors and celebrates the life of Obo Addy, whose music and legacy continues to inspire and bring joy to those who experience it.