

Fiscal: No Fiscal Impact

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 05/05/15

Action: Be Adopted.

Meeting Dates: 05/05

Vote:

Yeas: 3 - Boquist, Ferrioli, Rosenbaum

Exc: 2 - Beyer, Burdick

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Honors civic leader, author, journalist and entrepreneur Gerald “Gerry” Frank.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Contributions of Mr. Frank to Salem and Oregon
- Work with former U. S. Senator Mark Hatfield
- His military service during World War II

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Gerald “Gerry” Frank is a proud fourth-generation native Oregonian, who has deep roots in the retail, restaurant, political, civic and business activities in Oregon.

His many accomplishments include: serving with the United States Army Field Artillery during World War II; directing and managing the first branch store of retail giant Meier and Frank when it opened in Salem in 1955, and serving 20 years as the chief of staff to former United States Senator Mark O. Hatfield.

In addition to his professional accomplishments, Mr. Frank is also known for his long-running column “Frankly Speaking” in *The Oregonian*, which provides travel tips and recommendations for destinations around this state, as well as his two bestselling travel guidebooks, Gerry Frank’s Where to Find It, Buy It, Eat It in New York and Gerry Frank’s Oregon.

The professional and volunteer work of Mr. Frank has been widely recognized with the receipt of numerous awards over the course of his lifetime including: Salem’s Junior First Citizen award in 1957, Salem’s First Citizen award in 1964, the Glenn L. Jackson Leadership Award from Willamette University in 1984, the Aubrey R. Watzek Award from Lewis and Clark College in 1986, the Gold Medallion Award in 1999 for 50 years of individual community service and the Tom McCall Leadership Award in 2014.

House Concurrent Resolution 20 honors Gerald “Gerry” Frank for his venerable civic, political, entrepreneurial, literary and culinary contributions to the people of Oregon and for his many years of service to his community, state and country.