

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:

In memoriam: David Michael Jones, M.P.A.S., PA-C, 1945-2015.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Life of David Jones
- Commitment to providing health care to rural communities in Oregon

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

On January 23, 2015, Dave Jones, a pillar of the Condon community passed away. Mr. Jones will be remembered by thousands of patients as a trusted advisor and friend, by the medical community as a dedicated educator and ambassador, by his physician assistant friends for his advocacy in support of the advancement of the physician assistant profession in Oregon and by his family as a devoted husband, father, grandfather and uncle.

Born on October 31, 1945 in Seattle, Washington, Jones earned a bachelor's degree in history in 1968 and a second bachelor's degree in zoology in 1970, both from the University of Washington (U of W). In 1975, he joined the ninth class of students at the MEDEX Northwest Physician Assistant Program at the U of W in the early days of the physician assistant profession, became certified as a physician assistant in 1976 and earned a third bachelor's degree in primary health care in 1978.

After graduation, Jones moved to Condon, Oregon where he served as one of only two providers of medical care in Gilliam County and was among the first physician assistants in Oregon to practice with remote supervision and receive independent prescription-writing authority. Active in the development of his profession, he served as President of the Oregon Society of Physician Assistants (OSPA), served on the OSPA Board of Directors, served as a member of the Legislative Committee of OSPA, advocated on behalf of physician assistants in support of legislation to optimize the practices of physician assistants and served as a member of the Physician Assistant Committee of the Oregon Medical Board.

Mr. Jones's service and commitment to delivery of health care in rural communities was recognized with several awards including: Rural Physician Assistant of the Year by the American Academy of Physician Assistants in 1988, award for Outstanding Contributions to Rural Health in 2008 from the Office of Rural Health and the Karen Whitaker Knapp Service Award.

Mr. Jones is survived by his wife, Karen Jones, his son and daughter-in-law, Tucker and Stacy Jones, his grandsons, Rowan and Harris Jones, his sister and brother-in-law, Patricia and Duane Rencken, and many nieces and nephews, as well as his many physician assistant colleagues across this state.

House Concurrent Resolution 26 honors David Michael “Dave” Jones for a lifetime of embodying exemplary character, upstanding citizenship and selfless service.