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House Concurrent Resolution 11

Sponsored by Representatives BUCKLEY, OLSON, Senator DEVLIN; Representatives BARKER, BARNHART, BARRETO, BARTON, BENTZ, BOONE, BUEHLER, CLEM, DAVIS, DOHERTY, ESQUIVEL, EVANS, FAGAN, FREDERICK, GALLEGOS, GILLIAM, GOMBERG, GORSEK, GREENLICK, HACK, HAYDEN, HEARD, HELM, HOLVEY, HOYLE, HUFFMAN, JOHNSON, KENNEMER, KENY-GUYER, KOMP, KRIEGER, LIVELY, MCKEOWN, MCLAIN, MCLANE, NATHANSON, NEARMAN, PILUSO, POST, READ, REARDON, SMITH, SMITH WARNER, SPRENGER, STARK, TAYLOR, VEGA PEDERSON, WEIDNER, WHISNANT, WHITSETT, WILLIAMSON, WILSON, WITT (Presession filed.)

Whereas Ramona Line's career as Chief Clerk of the Oregon House of Representatives for almost 30 years and relationship with the House for more than 50 years is without parallel in the United States; and

Whereas Ramona Line, as the daughter of Speaker of the House Richard Eymann, began working on the floor of the House at age 10, going from desk to desk to help cut and paste amendments to bills, as was done in those days long before computers; and

Whereas Ramona Line officially began her career with the Office of the Chief Clerk as a young adult and was first elected as the Chief Clerk in 1985; and

Whereas Ramona Line served as the Chief Clerk for 12 Speakers of the House, providing training and guidance to leadership, members and anyone seeking an education in the legislative process; and

Whereas Ramona Line's passion for the institution and the legislative process meant that the workload of the House was never too full and the pace never too fast; and

Whereas during her entire tenure, Ramona Line protected the integrity and traditions of the House while ensuring the transparency and fairness of the process; and

Whereas in addition to her service as Chief Clerk, Ramona Line has traveled on behalf of representative democracy by visiting Central American legislatures in 1993 and working in Palestine between 1997 and 2000, training fellow Clerks on how to serve their parliaments better and make them stronger; and

Whereas Ramona Line is recognized as a national authority on parliamentary procedure, having served at different times as President, Secretary-Treasurer and member of the Executive Committee of the American Society of Legislative Clerks and Secretaries during her 30-year affiliation with that organization; and

Whereas Ramona Line served as a member of the Mason's Manual Commission from 1992 until 2014, working to maintain and develop revisions for *Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure*, the primary source of parliamentary procedure in the Oregon Legislative Assembly and most other state legislatures; and

Whereas Ramona Line has been affectionately referred to as the "master of Mason's," the "purveyor of procedure" and the "protector of the process" by members of the Legislative Assembly; and

Whereas Ramona Line has served the House of Representatives with good humor, a gentle nature, intellect, wisdom and an indomitable work ethic; now, therefore,

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

That we, the members of the Seventy-eighth Legislative Assembly, honor Ramona Line for her decades of service to the House of Representatives, the Legislative Assembly and the people of the

State of Oregon, acknowledge that Ramona Line's work for the House of Representatives contributed to the reputation of the Legislative Assembly as an exemplar of democratic process and values, and wish her well in her retirement.

Adopted by House March 2, 2015

Timothy G. Sekerak, Chief Clerk of House

Tina Kotek, Speaker of House

Adopted by Senate April 27, 2015

Peter Courtney, President of Senate