

# House Concurrent Resolution 11

Sponsored by Representatives BUCKLEY, OLSON (Presession filed.)

## SUMMARY

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Honors Ramona Line for decades of service as Chief Clerk of Oregon House of Representatives.

## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

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

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

10 Whereas Ramona Line served as the Chief Clerk for 12 Speakers of the House, providing train-  
11 ing and guidance to leadership, members and anyone seeking an education in the legislative process;  
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13 Whereas Ramona Line's passion for the institution and the legislative process meant that the  
14 workload of the House was never too full and the pace never too fast; and

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

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

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

25 Whereas Ramona Line served as a member of the Mason's Manual Commission from 1992 until  
26 2014, working to maintain and develop revisions for *Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure*, the  
27 primary source of parliamentary procedure in the Oregon Legislative Assembly and most other state  
28 legislatures; and

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

32 Whereas Ramona Line has served the House of Representatives with good humor, a gentle na-

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 ture, intellect, wisdom and an indomitable work ethic; now, therefore,

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

3 That we, the members of the Seventy-eighth Legislative Assembly, honor Ramona Line for her  
4 decades of service to the House of Representatives, the Legislative Assembly and the people of the  
5 State of Oregon, acknowledge that Ramona Line's work for the House of Representatives contrib-  
6 uted to the reputation of the Legislative Assembly as an exemplar of democratic process and values,  
7 and wish her well in her retirement.

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