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House Concurrent Resolution 12

Sponsored by Representative GOMBERG, Senator ROBLAN (Pre-session filed.)

Whereas Dr. Lavern Weber served as the first resident director of the Oregon State University Hatfield Marine Science Center in Newport; and

Whereas Dr. Weber was a dynamic leader who ensured the institution's rise to prominence as an internationally recognized center of excellence in marine research and education; and

Whereas Dr. Weber received his bachelor's degree from Pacific Lutheran University in 1958 before going on to earn a master's degree in 1962 and a doctorate degree in 1964, both from the University of Washington; and

Whereas Dr. Weber served on the faculty at the University of Washington, becoming acting State Toxicologist for the State of Washington in 1969 and joining Oregon State University's Department of Fisheries and Wildlife that same year, eventually rising to Assistant Dean of the graduate school; and

Whereas in 1977, Dr. Weber became the new director at the Hatfield Marine Science Center, where he began advocating for resident faculty and for needed infrastructural growth; and

Whereas during Dr. Weber's tenure as director, the Hatfield Marine Science Center experienced unprecedented growth and improvement; and

Whereas Dr. Weber's leadership was crucial in founding the Coastal Oregon Marine Experiment Station, the first marine experiment station in the United States, and the Marine Mammal Institute; and

Whereas Dr. Weber oversaw improvements in Environmental Protection Agency facilities, the inception of the Cooperative Institute for Marine Resources Studies and the Coastal Oregon Productivity Enhancement Program and the growth of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's science programs, including the Pacific Marine Environmental Laboratory vents program, the Northwest Fisheries Science Center and the Alaska Fisheries Science Center; and

Whereas during Dr. Weber's time as director, educational programs and student housing were expanded, several buildings were completed, including the Guin Library and other research support services buildings, the new Oregon State University ship operations building and dock were added, a new seawater system was installed and the visitor center was remodeled; and

Whereas Dr. Weber encouraged students and faculty alike to become productive scientists, citizens and community leaders; and

Whereas Dr. Weber left a legacy of exceptional personal scholarship, overseeing important breakthroughs in the field of fish physiology and marine education; and

Whereas Dr. Weber emphasized the development of public awareness of marine issues and the application of science in support of Oregon's coastal economic and community development; and

Whereas Dr. Weber was a source of personal, professional, public and scientific integrity who advocated for strong partnerships among Oregon State University, the coastal community and state agencies in solving marine science and management issues; and

Whereas Dr. Weber was a supportive mentor to his graduate students and staff and a good friend to all who knew him; and

Whereas Lavern Weber passed away on May 5, 2014; now, therefore,

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

That we, the members of the Seventy-eighth Legislative Assembly, express our gratitude to Dr. Lavern Weber for a life well lived and offer our sympathies and condolences to his family; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Dr. Weber in recognition of his immense contributions to this state.

Adopted by House March 17, 2015

Timothy G. Sekerak, Chief Clerk of House

Tina Kotek, Speaker of House

Adopted by Senate April 22, 2015

Peter Courtney, President of Senate