

House Concurrent Resolution 12

Sponsored by Representative GOMBERG, Senator ROBLAN (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

In memoriam: Lavern Weber, 1933-2014.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

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

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

9 Whereas Dr. Weber served on the faculty at the University of Washington, becoming acting
10 State Toxicologist for the State of Washington in 1969 and joining Oregon State University's De-
11 partment of Fisheries and Wildlife that same year, eventually rising to Assistant Dean of the grad-
12 uate school; and

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

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

17 Whereas Dr. Weber's leadership was crucial in founding the Coastal Oregon Marine Experiment
18 Station, the first marine experiment station in the United States, and the Marine Mammal Institute;
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20 Whereas Dr. Weber oversaw improvements in Environmental Protection Agency facilities, the
21 inception of the Cooperative Institute for Marine Resources Studies and the Coastal Oregon Pro-
22 ductivity Enhancement Program and the growth of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric
23 Administration's science programs, including the Pacific Marine Environmental Laboratory vents
24 program, the Northwest Fisheries Science Center and the Alaska Fisheries Science Center; and

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

29 Whereas Dr. Weber encouraged students and faculty alike to become productive scientists, citi-
30 zens and community leaders; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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