

**Enrolled**  
**House Concurrent Resolution 18**

Sponsored by Representatives WHITSETT, GILLIAM; Representatives DOHERTY, GOMBERG

Whereas Donald R. Pettit was born in 1955 in Silverton, Oregon; and

Whereas Donald R. Pettit graduated from Silverton Union High School in 1973 and then went on to receive a Bachelor of Science in chemical engineering from Oregon State University in 1978 and a Doctor of Philosophy in chemical engineering from the University of Arizona in 1983; and

Whereas Donald R. Pettit began his career as a staff scientist at Los Alamos National Laboratory in 1984, where he participated in work involving reduced gravity fluid flow and materials processing onboard the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) KC-135 airplane, atmospheric spectroscopy on noctilucent clouds seeded from sounding rockets, fumarole gas sampling from volcanoes and problems in detonation physics; and

Whereas while at the Los Alamos National Laboratory, Donald R. Pettit was a member of the Synthesis Group, tasked with assembling the technology to return to the moon and explore Mars in 1990, and the Space Station Freedom Redesign Team; and

Whereas Donald R. Pettit was selected by NASA in April 1996 and completed his first space flight as NASA International Space Station Science Officer on Expedition 6 from November 23, 2002, to May 3, 2003; and

Whereas during his time aboard the International Space Station, Donald R. Pettit worked with the crew on numerous United States and Russian science experiments and performed 13 hours of extravehicular activity (EVA) to continue the external outfitting of the orbital outpost; and

Whereas Donald R. Pettit took part in two additional space flights, including STS-126 Endeavour, which returned to Earth after completing 250 orbits in more than six million miles, from November 14, 2008, to November 30, 2008, and Expedition 30/31, which orbited the Earth 3,088 times and traveled more than 76 million miles, from December 21, 2011, to July 1, 2012; and

Whereas Donald R. Pettit has logged more than 370 days in space and over 13 EVA hours; 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 Dr. Donald R. Pettit for his achievements on Earth and in space and commend his work toward furthering human scientific endeavor.

Adopted by House April 29, 2015

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Timothy G. Sekerak, Chief Clerk of House

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Tina Kotek, Speaker of House

Adopted by Senate May 13, 2015

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Peter Courtney, President of Senate