

House Concurrent Resolution 19

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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**.

Congratulates 2014 University of Oregon Ducks football team on their Rose Bowl victory.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1
2 Whereas the University of Oregon football program has been steadily building its reputation as
3 a team that can hold its own against any storied football powerhouse school in the nation; and

4 Whereas Oregon's historic and record-breaking 2014 college football season under head football
5 coach Mark Helfrich secured Oregon's place in the first ever College Football Playoff National
6 Championship game; and

7 Whereas Oregon faced adversity throughout the season with copious injuries to key players and
8 an early defeat by the Arizona Wildcats; and

9 Whereas Oregon overcame these hardships through tireless teamwork and athletic excellence,
10 finishing the season 13-2 overall and 8-1 in Pacific-12 Conference (Pac-12) play; and

11 Whereas Oregon won the Pac-12 North Division to advance to the 2014 Pac-12 Football Cham-
12 pionship Game, where they defeated the Arizona Wildcats 51-13, thus vanquishing the only team to
13 defeat Oregon during the regular season; and

14 Whereas Oregon played in the inaugural College Football Playoff, routing the Florida State
15 Seminoles 59-20 in a decisive victory at the 2015 Rose Bowl semifinal game and advancing to the
16 2015 College Football Playoff National Championship Game; and

17 Whereas Oregon's presence in the College Football Playoff National Championship Game was
18 Oregon's second ever national championship game appearance, the first being the Bowl Champion-
19 ship Series National Championship Game in 2011; and

20 Whereas Oregon became the first team to reach 50 points in Rose Bowl history, setting an all-
21 time scoring record for the Rose Bowl and snapping the Seminoles' 29-game winning streak; and

22 Whereas Oregon quarterback Marcus Mariota is the first Oregon player to win the Heisman
23 Trophy, having received the second-highest percentage of possible points in Heisman history, and
24 secured the Pac-12 records for career total touchdowns and single-season total touchdowns, as well
25 as the Oregon team records for career total offensive yards, career passing yards, career passing
26 touchdowns, single-season total offensive yards, single-season passing yards and single-season pass-
27 ing touchdowns; and

28 Whereas Marcus Mariota and Doug Brenner of Oregon were selected for the Pac-12 Conference
29 All-Academic Second Team, along with six other Oregon players who received honorable mentions;
30 and

31 Whereas Oregon players participated in public service projects organized by and through the

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1 university's athletic department, performing public services such as school and hospital visits, rais-
2 ing money for worthy causes, planting trees and signing and sending footballs for young fans suf-
3 fering from serious illnesses; and

4 Whereas all 17 of Oregon's senior football players who exhausted their eligibility have either
5 completed their graduation requirements or are scheduled to do so by the end of the 2015 spring
6 term; and

7 Whereas 23 players on the team maintained a cumulative grade point average of 3.00 or above
8 on a 4.00 scale; and

9 Whereas Oregon finished the season as consensus national runners-up behind the national
10 champion Ohio State Buckeyes; and

11 Whereas the Oregon football team is a source of pride for all Oregonians as they continue to
12 capture the national spotlight with their exemplary play; now, therefore,

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

14 That we, the members of the Seventy-eighth Legislative Assembly, congratulate the University
15 of Oregon Ducks football team and coaches on their impressive victory at the 2015 Rose Bowl and
16 for their stellar performance during the 2014 college football season.

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