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House Concurrent Resolution 23

Sponsored by Representative NEARMAN; Representative MCLANE

Whereas Ron Post founded Northwest Medical Teams in Oregon; and

Whereas Ron Post learned of the humanitarian disaster in Cambodia in 1979, and in just one month organized Northwest Medical Teams and arrived in Thailand with 28 medical volunteers; and

Whereas Northwest Medical Teams served thousands of starving and sick people during the 1980s Ethiopian famine; and

Whereas Northwest Medical Teams was the first American medical team to arrive in Mexico City after the earthquake there in 1985; and

Whereas Northwest Medical Teams was the first American medical team to arrive in what was then Soviet Armenia after the earthquake there in 1988; and

Whereas Northwest Medical Teams, now known as Medical Teams International, continues to provide medical relief to this day; and

Whereas Medical Teams International is a humanitarian relief and development organization committed to helping people affected by disaster, conflict and poverty around the world; and

Whereas Medical Teams International has been honored for its rapid response to the 2014 Ebola outbreak in West Africa; and

Whereas Medical Teams International has deployed more than 1,900 volunteer teams and shipped over \$1 billion in antibiotics, surgical kits and lifesaving medicines to care for 34 million people in 100 countries; and

Whereas Medical Teams International routinely provides dental care to thousands of people in the Pacific Northwest; and

Whereas the international headquarters for Medical Teams International is located in Tigard, Oregon, with offices in four other states and nine other countries; and

Whereas former Oregon Senator and Governor Mark O. Hatfield wrote that “Ron Post exemplifies the very heart of a caring and loving God”; and

Whereas Ron Post had no medical background but established one of the world’s most esteemed medical disaster response teams; and

Whereas Ron Post was honored with the Jefferson Award for Public Service, the country’s long-standing and most prestigious celebration of public service; and

Whereas all of this occurred because Ron Post saw a need, had an idea, made it happen and nurtured it along the way; 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 the extraordinary and lasting accomplishments of Ron Post in establishing Medical Teams International and improving the lives of thousands of Oregonians and millions of others worldwide.

Adopted by House May 7, 2015

Timothy G. Sekerak, Chief Clerk of House

Tina Kotek, Speaker of House

Adopted by Senate June 10, 2015

Peter Courtney, President of Senate