

House Concurrent Resolution 23

Sponsored by Representative NEARMAN

SUMMARY

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Honors Ron Post for establishing Medical Teams International and improving lives of Oregonians and millions of others worldwide.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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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,

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

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

2 That we, the members of the Seventy-eighth Legislative Assembly, honor the extraordinary and
3 lasting accomplishments of Ron Post in establishing Medical Teams International and improving the
4 lives of thousands of Oregonians and millions of others worldwide.

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