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House Concurrent Resolution 32

Sponsored by Representatives HOYLE, MCLANE; Representatives BARKER, BARNHART, BARTON, BOONE, EVANS, FREDERICK, GOMBERG, GREENLICK, HELM, KOTEK, LIVELY, NOSSE, RAYFIELD, REARDON, TAYLOR, WILLIAMSON

Whereas Edward J. Whelan was born on January 11, 1926, in Portland, Oregon; and
Whereas Edward J. Whelan was quarterback on the Roosevelt High School football team in Portland; and

Whereas Edward J. Whelan served in the United States Army Air Corps in World War II and was promoted to the rank of Major in the Korean War; and

Whereas Edward J. Whelan attended the University of Portland and the University of Oregon before joining the Portland Fire Bureau, where he served as a firefighter; and

Whereas Edward J. Whelan also served as President of the Oregon State Fire Fighters Council; and

Whereas Edward J. Whelan was elected to the Oregon State House of Representatives, representing his district in North Portland from 1959 to 1965; and

Whereas in 1965, Edward J. Whelan became the leader of the Oregon chapter of the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations at the age of 39; and

Whereas Edward J. Whelan was cofounder of the Western Environmental Trade Association; and

Whereas Edward J. Whelan served on the Governor's Economic Development Council and the Portland Commission of Public Docks, as well as serving the Port of Portland and the Port of Newport; and

Whereas Edward J. Whelan played a major role in the creation of the Tri-County Metropolitan Transportation District of Oregon, or Tri-Met, and served on the Tri-Met Board of Directors; and

Whereas Edward J. Whelan was appointed by Governor Tom McCall as the first Director of the Economic Development Department; and

Whereas Edward J. Whelan served as President of the Capitol Club in 1970 and 1971; and

Whereas Edward J. Whelan was a tireless and lifelong advocate for working people; and

Whereas Edward J. Whelan was an effective communicator with a reputation as a problem solver and consensus builder; and

Whereas Edward J. Whelan passed away on May 7, 2015; and

Whereas Edward J. Whelan was predeceased by two wives and his two sons, Steve and Tom, and is survived by his daughter, Sue Spooner, and granddaughter, Julia Whelan; 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 life of Edward J. Whelan and his commitment to making a lasting positive impact on the State of Oregon; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the family of Edward J. Whelan as an expression of our sympathy and condolences.

Adopted by House June 11, 2015

Timothy G. Sekerak, Chief Clerk of House

Tina Kotek, Speaker of House

Adopted by Senate June 29, 2015

Peter Courtney, President of Senate