

Enrolled
House Resolution 1

Sponsored by Representative FREDERICK, Senator SHIELDS; Representatives BUCKLEY, NOSSE,
SMITH WARNER, Senator DEMBROW

Whereas Janice Scroggins was born to Henry Hawkins Scroggins and Mary Howard in Idabel, Oklahoma, on July 17, 1955; and

Whereas Janice Scroggins began playing the piano when she was three years old, encouraged and taught by her mother and grandmother; and

Whereas Janice Scroggins settled in the Albina community in Portland in 1979 with her young daughter, performing in church venues, community establishments, schools and restaurants; and

Whereas Janice Scroggins built her reputation as a versatile musician, performing in genres such as jazz, funk, gospel, country, blues and folk; and

Whereas Janice Scroggins received a Grammy nomination for her 1987 recording, "Janice Scroggins Plays Scott Joplin," which showcased her unique interpretation of ragtime classics; and

Whereas Janice Scroggins collaborated frequently with other artists and was often sought out to perform with friends such as Linda Hornbuckle, Eddie Harris, Akbar DePriest, Reggie Houston and Curtis Salgado; and

Whereas Janice Scroggins was inducted into the Muddy Award Hall of Fame in 1992 and the Oregon Music Hall of Fame in 2013; and

Whereas Janice Scroggins mentored and supported people from many different ethnic and economic backgrounds through teaching and performing, and was a go-to session musician who could jam with anyone; and

Whereas Janice Scroggins passed away on May 27, 2014; and

Whereas Janice Scroggins is a legend whose legacy will continue in the hearts and memories of her friends, family and colleagues and in the mesmerizing music that was her gift to the world; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Oregon:

That we, the members of the House of Representatives of the Seventy-eighth Legislative Assembly, honor the life of Janice Scroggins and celebrate her invaluable contributions as a beloved and revered pianist and community leader; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Janice Scroggins as a token of our sympathy and condolences.

Adopted by House March 26, 2015

Timothy G. Sekerak, Chief Clerk of House

Tina Kotek, Speaker of House