

## Enrolled

# House Resolution 7

Sponsored by Representative FREDERICK, Senator WINTERS; Senator SHIELDS

Whereas Carl Deiz was born on November 16, 1920, in Portland, to William Carlos Deiz and Elnora Deiz; and

Whereas Carl Deiz graduated from Franklin High School and joined the United States Army Air Corps stationed at Tuskegee, Alabama; and

Whereas Carl Deiz was one of the legendary Tuskegee Airmen, a group of African-American elite fighter pilots who helped overcome racial barriers in the United States Army Air Forces during World War II; and

Whereas Carl Deiz and his brother, Robert Deiz, were two of 12 Oregonians who trained at Tuskegee; and

Whereas Carl Deiz graduated magna cum laude from the University of Portland in 1949 with a degree in business and went on to work for the Bonneville Power Administration as a budget analyst; and

Whereas Carl Deiz married his wife, the Honorable Judge Mercedes Deiz, on October 5, 1949, and their marriage spanned 56 years; and

Whereas the Honorable Judge Mercedes Deiz was the first black woman admitted to the Oregon State Bar, the first black female district court judge in Oregon and the first black woman elected as a county circuit court judge in Oregon; and

Whereas together, Carl and Mercedes Deiz raised three children, Bill, Gilbert and Karen; and

Whereas throughout his life, Carl Deiz was active in his community as a distinguished alumnus of the University of Portland and as an active member of St. Philip the Deacon Episcopal Church; and

Whereas Carl Deiz passed away on December 1, 2014; and

Whereas Carl Deiz is survived by his two sons and seven grandchildren; 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 Carl Deiz and his service to his community, to this state and to his country; and be it further

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

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Adopted by House May 20, 2015

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Timothy G. Sekerak, Chief Clerk of House

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Tina Kotek, Speaker of House