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Senate Concurrent Resolution 10

Sponsored by Senators THATCHER, JOHNSON; Senator BOQUIST, Representatives MCLANE, NEARMAN, POST, WEIDNER

Whereas Joan Austin was born September 25, 1931, in Glenwood, Minnesota, and moved to Oregon with her family soon afterward; and

Whereas Joan Austin rose to become a prominent entrepreneur and philanthropist in this state over the course of her distinguished life; and

Whereas with her husband, Ken Austin, Joan Austin cofounded Austin Dental Equipment Company, known as A-dec Inc., in 1964, a company that created unique technology in the dental industry and grew to become one of the world's largest dental chair and equipment manufacturers and the largest privately-owned dental equipment manufacturing company in the United States; and

Whereas Joan Austin was the president of Austin Industries and Springbrook Properties and undertook other business ventures, such as opening the Allison Inn in 2009 to boost tourism in Yamhill County; and

Whereas Joan Austin was an astute business leader, demonstrating this as an advisor for small business to the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, through creation of Austin Hall, the new business college at Oregon State University, and by founding the Austin Family Business and Austin Entrepreneurship programs at Oregon State University to address the unique needs of family businesses and entrepreneurship; and

Whereas Joan Austin was a strong believer in education at all levels, serving as a lifetime trustee of the Oregon State University Foundation, as a trustee of Linfield College, as a board member for the Oregon Health and Science University Foundation and Oregon State University's Thundering Seas Foundation, and through her continued involvement with students and their parents at her namesake school, the Joan Austin Elementary School; and

Whereas Joan Austin was a strong role model for women in the community and industry, being the first woman to chair the board of directors for Associated Oregon Industries, the first woman member appointed to the Oregon Economic Development Commission and the first woman chairperson for the Oregon State University Foundation; and

Whereas Joan Austin was recognized as a woman of achievement and leadership, winning numerous awards, including Woman Entrepreneur of the Year at the Orchid Awards, the Mary Pearmine Workforce Leadership Award for Individual Achievement, Portland State University's Center for Women, Politics and Policy Leadership Award in the civic category, Woman of Business at the Marylhurst University Women of Distinction awards, the 1992 Woman Who has Made a Difference in Oregon award from the Oregon Women's Forum and the Women and Corporations that Make a Difference award from the International Women's Forum; and

Whereas the Foundation for Women's Resources selected Joan Austin as one of 100 outstanding women leaders nationwide to participate in the "Leadership America" program, and the March of Dimes honored Joan Austin as one of the 10 outstanding women in Oregon for her dedication to higher education; and

Whereas Joan Austin was active in helping to provide health care in the community, supporting programs offering free dental care for low-income children at local schools and substance abuse recovery programs, founding the Springbrook Northwest drug and alcohol addiction treatment center, raising funds to build the Providence Newberg Medical Center and serving on the board of directors for the Medical Research Foundation at Oregon Health and Science University; and

Whereas Joan Austin made invaluable contributions to programs and institutions that supported arts and youth in the community, such as the Chehalem Cultural Center and the Library Foundation of Newberg, was instrumental in the expansion of Newberg's Carnegie Library, brought the Oregon Symphony to George Fox University in Newberg so that Newberg residents could enjoy a free annual concert as guests of the Austin family, served as a member of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts Advisory Committee on the Arts and created an endowment through the Portland Art Museum to benefit Newberg and St. Paul students; and

Whereas Joan Austin supported many other charitable causes, including the Newberg Animal Shelter Friends, Newberg F.I.S.H. Emergency Service and the Special Olympics, and served as a board member for the Oregon Historical Society; and

Whereas through her leadership, dedication, involvement and compassion, Joan Austin was an inspiration to countless Oregonians; 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 and extraordinary contributions of Joan Austin to the people of this state; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Joan Austin as an expression of our appreciation and condolences.

Adopted by Senate April 21, 2015

Lori L. Brocker, Secretary of Senate

Peter Courtney, President of Senate

Adopted by House June 11, 2015

Tina Kotek, Speaker of House