

Senate Concurrent Resolution 10

Sponsored by Senator THATCHER; Senator BOQUIST, Representatives NEARMAN, POST, WEIDNER

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

In memoriam: Joan Austin, 1931-2013.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

27 Whereas Joan Austin was recognized as a woman of achievement and leadership, winning nu-
28 merous awards, including Woman Entrepreneur of the Year at the Orchid Awards, the Mary
29 Pearmine Workforce Leadership Award for Individual Achievement, Portland State University's
30 Center for Women, Politics and Policy Leadership Award in the civic category, Woman of Business
31 at the Marylhurst University Women of Distinction awards, the 1992 Woman Who has Made a Dif-
32 ference in Oregon award from the Oregon Women's Forum and the Women and Corporations that

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1 Make a Difference award from the International Women’s Forum; and

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

6 Whereas Joan Austin was active in helping to provide health care in the community, supporting
7 programs offering free dental care for low-income children at local schools and substance abuse re-
8covery programs, founding the Springbrook Northwest drug and alcohol addiction treatment center,
9 raising funds to build the Providence Newberg Medical Center and serving on the board of directors
10 for the Medical Research Foundation at Oregon Health and Science University; and

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

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

21 Whereas through her leadership, dedication, involvement and compassion, Joan Austin was an
22 inspiration to countless Oregonians; now, therefore,

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

24 That we, the members of the Seventy-eighth Legislative Assembly, honor the life and extraor-
25 dinary contributions of Joan Austin to the people of this state; and be it further

26 Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Joan Austin as an ex-
27 pression of our appreciation and condolences.

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