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Senate Concurrent Resolution 17

Sponsored by Senator ROSENBAUM, Representative RAYFIELD, Senator GELSER; Senators BAERTSCHIGER JR, BATES, BEYER, BOQUIST, BURDICK, COURTNEY, DEMBROW, DEVLIN, EDWARDS, FERRIOLI, GIROD, HANSELL, HASS, JOHNSON, KNOPP, KRUSE, MONNES ANDERSON, MONROE, OLSEN, PROZANSKI, RILEY, ROBLAN, SHIELDS, STEINER HAYWARD, THATCHER, THOMSEN, WHITSETT, WINTERS, Representatives BARKER, BARNHART, BARTON, BOONE, CLEM, EVANS, FREDERICK, GALLEGOS, GOMBERG, GREENLICK, HELM, KOMP, KOTEK, LIVELY, REARDON, SMITH WARNER, TAYLOR, VEGA PEDERSON, WHISNANT, WILLIAMSON, WILSON

Whereas Hector Macpherson, Jr., was born in Corvallis, Oregon, on September 19, 1918, and graduated from Corvallis High School in 1936; and

Whereas Hector Macpherson received a degree in agricultural technology from Oregon Agricultural College, now Oregon State University, in 1940; and

Whereas after serving during college in the Reserve Officers' Training Corps, Hector Macpherson joined the United States Army Air Corps and was stationed in the Panama Canal Zone as an aerial photography officer when the attack on Pearl Harbor brought the United States into World War II; and

Whereas Hector Macpherson returned stateside for training as a navigator on B-17 airplanes, married Katharine Smith of Delhi, New York, in May 1943, and was shipped to North Africa three months after the wedding; and

Whereas beginning in October 1943, Hector Macpherson flew 50 bombing missions out of Tunisia and southern Italy against German military targets in Italy, the Balkans, Austria, Germany and Poland, rising to the rank of Major; and

Whereas after World War II, Hector Macpherson and his wife settled back on the family farm in Linn County, where he lived for another 60 years, raising five children; and

Whereas Hector Macpherson was an enthusiastic hiker and mountaineer, climbing nearly all the Cascade Range peaks from Mt. Rainier to Mt. Shasta; and

Whereas Hector Macpherson served as chairperson of the first Linn County Planning Commission in the late 1960s, a position from which he began his advocacy for protection of prime farmland; and

Whereas in 1970, Hector Macpherson was elected to the Oregon State Senate, serving on committees related to agriculture and the environment; and

Whereas during the 1971 legislative session, Hector Macpherson helped craft legislation to limit grass seed field burning, manage smoke from the fires and establish acreage fees for field burning to fund research into alternatives, and as a result, the grass seed industry was able to transition away from field burning; and

Whereas in 1973, Hector Macpherson introduced Senate Bill 100 (chapter 80, Oregon Laws 1973), establishing a statewide system of land use planning for Oregon; and

Whereas Hector Macpherson also introduced Senate Bill 101 (chapter 503, Oregon Laws 1973), which stipulated lower valuation of exclusive farm use lands for tax purposes, thus enabling such lands to be preserved for agriculture; and

Whereas Oregon's innovative system of land use planning, implemented through enactment of Senate Bill 100 under Hector Macpherson's leadership, provided critical protection for farmlands and forestlands and established statewide planning goals to guide the orderly, efficient and environmentally sensitive development of Oregon's landscape; and

Whereas Hector Macpherson's visionary work on Oregon's land use planning system has distinguished this state as a leader in smart growth and has resulted in more livable neighborhoods with easy access to parks, schools, libraries, stores and other amenities; and

Whereas Hector Macpherson supported other landmark environmental legislation, including the Bicycle Bill (House Bill 1700 (1971)) to set aside transportation moneys for bike paths, and the Bottle Bill (House Bill 1036 (1971)), which introduced deposits for soda and beer bottles; and

Whereas Hector Macpherson served as a member of the Oregon Land Conservation and Development Commission, created under Senate Bill 100, from 1988 to 1998, helping to ensure that Senate Bill 100 was carried out according to the intent of the Legislative Assembly; and

Whereas Hector Macpherson passed away on March 21, 2015, after a long life of serving the people of this state; 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 Hector Macpherson, Jr., and his tireless work to ensure the well-being of the people and the lands of this state; and be it further

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

Adopted by Senate June 4, 2015

Lori L. Brocker, Secretary of Senate

Peter Courtney, President of Senate

Adopted by House June 23, 2015

Tina Kotek, Speaker of House