

Senate Concurrent Resolution 17

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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: Hector Macpherson, Jr., 1918-2015.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

4 Whereas Hector Macpherson received a degree in agricultural technology from Oregon Agri-
5 cultural College, now Oregon State University, in 1940; and

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

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

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

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

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

20 Whereas Hector Macpherson served as chairperson of the first Linn County Planning Commis-
21 sion in the late 1960s, a position from which he began his advocacy for protection of prime farmland;
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23 Whereas in 1970, Hector Macpherson was elected to the Oregon State Senate, serving on com-
24 mittees related to agriculture and the environment; and

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

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 Whereas in 1973, Hector Macpherson introduced Senate Bill 100 (chapter 80, Oregon Laws
2 1973), establishing a statewide system of land use planning for Oregon; and

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

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

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

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

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

19 Whereas Hector Macpherson passed away on March 21, 2015, after a long life of serving the
20 people of this state; now, therefore,

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

22 That we, the members of the Seventy-eighth Legislative Assembly, honor the life of Hector
23 Macpherson, Jr., and his tireless work to ensure the well-being of the people and the lands of this
24 state; and be it further

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

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