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Senate Concurrent Resolution 8

Sponsored by Senator ROSENBAUM; Senators BAERTSCHIGER JR, BATES, BEYER, BOQUIST, BURDICK, COURTNEY, DEMBROW, DEVLIN, EDWARDS, FERRIOLI, GELSER, GIROD, HANSELL, HASS, JOHNSON, KNOPP, KRUSE, MONNES ANDERSON, MONROE, OLSEN, PROZANSKI, RILEY, ROBLAN, SHIELDS, STEINER HAYWARD, THATCHER, THOMSEN, WHITSETT, WINTERS, Representatives BARTON, BUEHLER, GOMBERG, GORSEK, GREENLICK, HACK, HAYDEN, HUFFMAN, KENY-GUYER, MCLAIN, NEARMAN, NOSSE, OLSON, PARRISH, REARDON, SMITH, SPRENGER, TAYLOR, VEGA PEDERSON, WEIDNER, WILLIAMSON, WILSON, WITT

Whereas Blaine Whipple was born to Blaine and Pearl Whipple on February 22, 1930, in a log cabin in Martin, South Dakota, within the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation; and

Whereas Blaine Whipple joined the United States Navy and served for four years; and

Whereas Blaine Whipple's assignments included public relations for the Military Sea Transportation Service and editor of the weekly newspaper at Naval Air Station Barbers Point in Oahu; and

Whereas Blaine Whipple attended the University of Mississippi and the University of Minnesota for undergraduate work, receiving his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Minnesota; and

Whereas Blaine Whipple later received a Master of Science degree from the University of Oregon in Journalism and Political Science, thereafter making him a lifelong Ducks fan; and

Whereas Blaine Whipple went on to hold jobs as advertising executive with the Pacific Slope Newspapers of Seattle, executive director of the Democratic Party of Oregon, vice-president of Randall Construction of Portland and owner and broker of Blaine Whipple Realty of Portland; and

Whereas making the world a better and more just place for all people was a driving force in Blaine Whipple's life; and

Whereas Blaine Whipple saw politics as a way to accomplish his goals and immersed himself in Democratic Party elections and politics, serving as campaign manager for the Charles O. Porter for Congress Committee, campaign chairperson for the Howard Morgan for United States Senate Committee, executive director for the Democratic Party of Oregon, delegate to the 1968 Democratic National Convention in Chicago, chairperson of the 1976 Oregon delegation to the Democratic National Convention in New York City, Oregon campaign chairperson for the Eugene McCarthy for President Committee and Oregon campaign chairman for the George McGovern for President Committee; and

Whereas Blaine Whipple held many elected offices himself, including Oregon state Senator, chairperson of the Washington County Intermediate Education District, chairperson of the Tualatin Valley Water District and treasurer of Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue; and

Whereas Blaine Whipple served on taxation, education, transportation, executive appointments and local government legislative committees during the 1975 legislative session; and

Whereas Blaine Whipple sponsored laws requiring interest to be paid to Oregonians for tax and insurance reserves; and

Whereas Blaine Whipple also sponsored legislation preventing the state from taxing Oregonians' 1974 federal income tax rebates; and

Whereas Blaine Whipple was chairperson of the Senate Committee on Local Government and Elections in the 1977 legislative session; and

Whereas Blaine Whipple championed legislation to support and promote equal representation of Oregonians with disabilities; and

Whereas Blaine Whipple's beloved wife, Ines, predeceased him by seven months, just short of their 48th wedding anniversary; and

Whereas Blaine Whipple is survived by his children, Judith Steele, Bob Steele and Scott Whipple, his grandchildren, Sydney, Will, Miles, Breanna, Spencer and Turner, his great-grandson, Huck, his sister, Mary Anne McPherson, and many nieces and nephews; 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 achievements of Blaine Whipple and extend our gratitude for his work toward bettering the lives of Oregonians; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Blaine Whipple as an expression of our sympathy and condolences.

Adopted by Senate March 24, 2015

Lori L. Brocker, Secretary of Senate

Peter Courtney, President of Senate

Adopted by House May 29, 2015

Tina Kotek, Speaker of House