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Chair Burdick, Vice Chair Ferrioli, and Senators Beyer, Boquist and Roblan:

The Oregon Commission for Women supports Senate Concurrent Resolution 27 in recognizing the 2016 Oregon Women of Achievement for outstanding leadership and service to people of Oregon. This resolution honors two remarkable women for their accomplishments. Nancy Campbell Mead and Chanpone Sinlapasai-Okamura, the 2016 Women of Achievement honorees, are legal advocates who have been recognized for their leadership and service to the women and children of this state. Each has made a difference within their communities, whether it be victims of domestic violence, transgender children, or refugees and immigrants. Both Women of Achievement are bold and brave role models whether on the state or national scene.

The Oregon Commission for Women was legislatively established in 1983 to work for women's equality. The commission does this by advocating for women in the community, providing information on women to the governor and state legislature, serving as a link for women to state agencies, highlighting women's accomplishments and providing services to individual women in Oregon. As part of its charter, each year the Oregon Commission for Women recognizes a group of outstanding Oregon women who have not only made an impact on the lives of women but who have also left their mark in their respective communities and fields. The 2016 awardees join an elite group of 94 women who since 1985 have received this honor. As highlighted in the Women's Foundation of Oregon's Count Her In, the important report on Oregon women and girls, we in Oregon are fortunate to have successful women leaders who are important role models for women and their communities.

The Oregon Commission for Women applauds these women and the achievements they have made to Oregon. Each has worked to ensure justice and equity within this state. We, Commissioners, believe that their achievements warrant special recognition by the Senate. We thank the members of the Senate Committee on Rule for their review and positive consideration of this resolution.

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