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

The Oregon Commission for Women supports Senate Concurrent Resolution 2 in recognizing the 2015 Oregon Women of Achievement for outstanding leadership and service to the people of Oregon. This resolution honors four remarkable women for their accomplishments. Jan Campbell, Donna Maxey, Kay D. Toran and Gwendolyn Trice, the 2015 Women of Achievement honorees, are trailblazers who have worked long and hard to make a difference in their respective fields. While these honorees range from advocate to creator, and from mentor to researcher, each in her own unique way represents the values of inclusion, determination, integrity, and generosity. These four Women of Achievement are bold and brave, each exemplifying our state motto – She Flies with Her Own Wings.

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 2015 awardees join an elite group of 90 women who since 1985 have received this honor. As *Count Her In*, the important report on Oregon women and girls has highlighted, we in Oregon are fortunate to have successful women leaders at all levels 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 state Legislature. We thank the Senate Committee on Rules for their review and consideration of this resolution.

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