

SCR 26 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Post

House Committee On Rules

Action Date: 03/30/17

Action: Be Adopted.

Vote: 8-0-1-0

Yeas: 8 - Hack, Holvey, Kennemer, McLane, Nosse, Rayfield, Smith Warner, Williamson

Exc: 1 - Barreto

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Recognizing Newberg as Camellia City of Oregon

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Newberg Camellia Festival and community events
- Camellia as symbol of city of Newberg
- City as host to 2017 American Camellia Society convention

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

As the official city flower of Newberg, the Camellia has been a symbol to unify the residents. The camellia graces the lawns and gardens of many homes throughout the community and the camellia society has partnered with the Newberg Downtown Coalition to showcase dozens of camellia species in specially labeled planters made of barrels from wineries throughout the area.

In 1997, Newberg Mayor Donna Proctor unveiled an official camellia flag and hybridizer Dan Charvet bred the Newberg camellia. The Newberg camellia is a cross of three different varieties: japonica, reticulata and sasanqua.

More than 65 years ago, Newberg held its inaugural Camellia Festival, a tradition that has been restored and is now in its ninth year. The 2017 Newberg Camellia Festival features: a 5k/10k run/walk; performances from Monmouth Taiko; Lee's Lion and Dragon Dancers; the Oregon Koto Kai Ensemble; Obukan Kendo performance; bonsai and origami demonstrations; and hands-on art activities for kids. In addition, the festival will host the Oregon Camellia Society's bloom show, highlighting the official Newberg city flower.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 26 names Newberg the Camellia City of Oregon.