

SCR 15 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Winters

Senate Committee On Rules

Action Date: 04/12/17
Action: Be adopted.
Vote: 5-0-0-0
Yeas: 5 - Beyer, Boquist, Burdick, Ferrioli, Roblan
Fiscal: No fiscal impact
Revenue: No revenue impact
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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Expresses admiration and gratitude for Dolores Atiyeh's contributions to State of Oregon.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Life and achievements of Mrs. Atiyeh
- Impact of Atiyeh family on tribal relations
- Relationship between Dolores and Victor Atiyeh
- Personal memories of Dolores Atiyeh

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Dolores Hewitt Atiyeh was born in Portland, Oregon on November 8, 1923 and passed away on August 29, 2016 at the age of 92. She was educated in Portland Public Schools and was a scholarship honor student in art at the University of Oregon. She married Victor Atiyeh in 1944 and the couple had two children, Tom and Suzanne.

Mrs. Atiyeh partnered with her husband, Vic, during his 20 years of service in the legislature, and served honorably as Oregon's First Lady from January 1979 to January 1987, while her husband served as Governor. She was a champion of various art, charitable and historic causes, particularly those supporting children and young adults. Additionally, Mrs. Atiyeh was an avid volunteer who worked with several organizations including the Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, Parent Teacher Association, Japanese Garden Society, Arts Coalition Northwest, Portland Art Museum and the Historic Preservation League of Oregon. As an advocate, she successfully campaigned legislation establishing mandatory immunization of children and seatbelts for children under the age of five.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 15 expresses the Legislative Assembly's highest admiration and profound gratitude for Dolores Atiyeh's contributions to the State of Oregon, including her passion for youth, promotion of child safety legislation, her leadership and her love and support for her husband, children, and grandchildren. Lastly, SCR 15 directs a copy of the resolution to be sent to Dolores Atiyeh's children and to the Governor Victor Atiyeh Collection in the Pacific University Archives.