

SCR 2 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Rules

Action Date: 02/08/17
Action: Be adopted.
Vote: 4-0-1-0
Yeas: 4 - Boquist, Burdick, Ferrioli, Roblan
Exc: 1 - Beyer
Fiscal: No fiscal impact
Revenue: No revenue impact
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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Honors 2015 Women of Achievement for outstanding leadership and service to people of Oregon. Honors achievements of Jan Campbell, Donna Maxey, Kay D. Toran and Gwendolyn Trice.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Achievements of honorees
- Importance of Women of Achievement Awards

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Senate Concurrent Resolution 2 honors the achievements of four outstanding women for their leadership, achievements and service to Oregon. At the Oregon Commission for Women's (OCFW) 32nd annual Women of Achievement Awards in March 2016, OCFW honored Jan Campbell, Donna Maxey, Kay D. Toran and Gwendolyn Trice for their work to improve the lives of women in Oregon.

Jan Campbell is an advocate and educator who works to improve the lives of people with disabilities within the Portland community. Specifically, Ms. Campbell has worked with local, regional and state entities to expand opportunities for the elderly and people with disabilities, and has also contributed to several projects at Oregon Health and Science University, training persons with disabilities on improving their clinical care and co-facilitating cognitive behavioral therapy groups for women with physical disabilities suffering from depression. Additionally, Ms. Campbell chaired the TriMet Committee on Accessible Transportation and provided her perspectives on policy issues regarding mobility and independence for transit-dependent individuals.

Donna Maxey is a Portland community leader who works to build collaborative relationships and promote diversity within the community. Ms. Maxey developed the non-profit RACE TALKS: Uniting to Break the Chains of Racism – An Opportunity for Dialogue, to cultivate a safe space for community discussions on issues surrounding race. Ms. Maxey has collaborated with the Portland Public Schools, the Albina Ministerial Alliance and the Portland Police Bureau to create RACE TALKS 2, a program that works with Jefferson High School students on community-police relationships.

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Kay D. Toran is the President and Chief Executive Officer of Volunteers of America Oregon, a major human services agency that provides treatment, developmental and prevention services to vulnerable children, single adults, families and seniors in the community through an integrated medical and social services model. Her career has included positions within the government and academic sectors, and her volunteer service includes board membership on Albina Community Bank, the University of Portland Board of Regents and the Oregon Community Foundation. Ms. Toran is known for her mentorship and guidance of young professionals.

Gwendolyn Trice founded the non-profit Maxville Heritage Interpretive Center in Wallowa County after documenting her family's history and migration to Oregon from the Midwest as African American loggers in the early 1900s. Ms. Trice's work has uncovered the history of logging communities, ethnic minority workers and women who played a role in Oregon history. Ms. Trice's work showcases the multicultural history of rural eastern Oregon in order to help others understand the complex and challenging history of race in Oregon. She is recognized for her dedication to reshaping Oregonians' perception and awareness of multicultural communities in Oregon history.