

# House Concurrent Resolution 20

Sponsored by Representative MALSTROM

## SUMMARY

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Modifies lyrics to state song "Oregon, My Oregon" to reflect cultural, historical, economic and societal evolution of State of Oregon.

## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Whereas the song "Oregon, My Oregon" with words by J.A. Buchanon and music by Henry B. Murtagh was adopted by the 34th Legislative Assembly as the state song of the State of Oregon in 1927 (Senate Joint Resolution 3 (1927)); and

Whereas "Oregon, My Oregon" embodies the frontier spirit and Western cultural history of which Oregon of modern times is a proud beneficiary; and

Whereas there has been significant cultural, historical, economic and societal evolution in Oregon in the 90 years since "Oregon, My Oregon" was adopted as the state song; and

Whereas the 34th Legislative Assembly found it "eminently proper" that a state song be adopted; and

Whereas we, the members of the 79th Legislative Assembly, find it eminently proper that a state song reflect both historical traditions and the cultural, historical, economic and societal evolution that the state has experienced over the passage of time up to and including modernity; now, therefore,

### **Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:**

That the lyrics of the song "Oregon, My Oregon" be modified by lyrics written by Oregonian Amy Shapiro, so that "Conquered and held by free men," in the first verse is replaced with "Land of Majestic Mountains," and so that "Blest by the blood of martyrs," in the second verse is replaced with "Blessed by the love of Freedom,"; and be it further

Resolved, that as modified, the lyrics of "Oregon, My Oregon" be as follows:

"Land of the Empire Builders,

"Land of the Golden West;

"Land of Majestic Mountains,

"Fairest and the best.

"Onward and upward ever,

"Forward and on, and on;

"Hail to thee, Land of Heroes,

"My Oregon.

"Land of the rose and sunshine

"Land of the summer's breeze;

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 "Laden with health and vigor,  
2 "Fresh from the Western seas.  
3 "Blessed by the love of Freedom,  
4 "Land of the setting sun;  
5 "Hail to thee, Land of Promise,  
6 "My Oregon."  
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