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Senate Concurrent Resolution 15

Sponsored by Senators COURTNEY, WINTERS; Senator JOHNSON

Whereas Dolores Hewitt Atiyeh was born in Portland, Oregon, on November 8, 1923, and lived in Oregon her entire life, passing away on August 29, 2016, at 92 years of age; and

Whereas Dolores Atiyeh was educated in Portland public schools, graduated from Washington High School and was recognized in Who's Who in American High Schools; and

Whereas Dolores Atiyeh was a scholarship honor student in art at the University of Oregon, where she pledged the Alpha Chi Omega sorority; and

Whereas Dolores and Victor Atiyeh married in 1944 and raised two children, Tom and Suzanne; and

Whereas Dolores Atiyeh partnered with Victor Atiyeh as he served 20 years in the Legislative Assembly; and

Whereas Dolores Atiyeh, as the wife of Governor Victor G. Atiyeh, served honorably as Oregon's first lady from January 8, 1979, to January 12, 1987; and

Whereas Dolores Atiyeh was routinely celebrated by her husband as "the wind beneath my wings"; and

Whereas on July 5, 2014, Dolores Atiyeh and former Governor Victor Atiyeh celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary, just 15 days prior to his death on July 20, 2014; and

Whereas Dolores Atiyeh personally championed numerous art, charitable and historic causes, especially those in support of children and young adults; and

Whereas Dolores Atiyeh was the consummate volunteer, working as a Cub Scout den mother, along with serving in leadership positions with the Parent Teacher Association, the Girl Scouts, the Japanese Garden Society and the Albertina Kerr board of directors; and

Whereas Dolores Atiyeh was a leading advocate of the mandatory immunization of children and helped secure approval of House Bill 2139 in 1981; and

Whereas Dolores Atiyeh campaigned successfully for Senate Bill 293 in 1983, calling for mandatory seat belt restraints for children five years of age or younger; and

Whereas Dolores Atiyeh was a part of the Oregon Easter Seal Society for many years, serving as a board member, officer and member of the society's House of Delegates; and

Whereas Dolores Atiyeh worked as a member of, and volunteer for, Arts Coalition Northwest, the Historic Preservation League of Oregon, the Oregon International Year of the Child Commission and several committees of the Portland Art Museum; and

Whereas Dolores Atiyeh was inurned in Portland, Oregon, in a private ceremony on September 3, 2016, and her life celebrated by friends and family at a public memorial on September 23, 2016; now, therefore,

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

That we, the members of the Seventy-ninth Legislative Assembly, express our highest admiration and profound gratitude for Dolores Atiyeh's contributions to the State of Oregon, including her passion for young people and children, her leadership and promotion of child safety legislation and her unbounded love and support for her husband, children and five grandchildren; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to her children, Tom Atiyeh of Portland, Oregon, and Suzanne Atiyeh of Trinidad, California, and to the Governor Victor Atiyeh Collection in the Pacific University Archives in Forest Grove, Oregon.

Adopted by Senate April 19, 2017

Lori L. Brocker, Secretary of Senate

Peter Courtney, President of Senate

Adopted by House June 13, 2017

Tina Kotek, Speaker of House