

Senate Concurrent Resolution 15

Sponsored by Senators COURTNEY, WINTERS

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

In memoriam: Dolores Hewitt Atiyeh, 1923-2016.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1
2 Whereas Dolores Hewitt Atiyeh was born in Portland, Oregon, on November 8, 1923, and lived
3 in Oregon her entire life, passing away on August 29, 2016, at 92 years of age; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

16 Whereas on July 5, 2014, Dolores Atiyeh and former Governor Victor Atiyeh celebrated their
17 70th wedding anniversary, just 15 days prior to his death on July 20, 2014; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

32 Whereas Dolores Atiyeh was inurned in Portland, Oregon, in a private ceremony on September

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1 3, 2016, and her life celebrated by friends and family at a public memorial on September 23, 2016;
2 now, therefore,

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

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

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

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