

Senate Concurrent Resolution 22

Sponsored by Senator STEINER HAYWARD, Representative GREENLICK (at the request of Tuck Wilson)

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: Gary Braasch.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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2 Whereas Oregonian Gary Braasch dedicated his life's work as a photojournalist to photograph-
3 ing and protecting the natural world and presenting the effects of climate change; and

4 Whereas through his instantly accessible photographs, Gary Braasch brought people around the
5 world to a better understanding of the present and future significance of the earth's warming; and

6 Whereas Gary Braasch traveled extensively to document how climate change affects ecosystems
7 around the world and was best known for his series of images, captured across the globe, that depict
8 rising tides and receding glaciers over time; and

9 Whereas Gary Braasch's photographs illustrate his 2009 book *Earth Under Fire: How Global*
10 *Warming is Changing the World* and have been exhibited by the project he founded, World View of
11 Global Warming, and published in major magazines such as National Geographic, Life, Audubon and
12 The New York Times Magazine; and

13 Whereas in his quest to make climate change understandable to people of all ages, Gary Braasch
14 also co-authored a children's book, *How We Know What We Know About Our Changing Climate*; and

15 Whereas in October 2016, Gary Braasch's annotated images were exhibited in the Capitol in
16 Salem during the statewide World View of Global Warming Exhibit Week and continue to be avail-
17 able on World View of Global Warming's website; and

18 Whereas Gary Braasch was described by a researcher and colleague as a man who had "inspired
19 millions of people to both conserve and love the natural resources of our planet"; and

20 Whereas Gary Braasch died in March 2016, the same month in which the Legislative Assembly
21 passed legislation that will make Oregon the first state in the nation to phase out electricity made
22 from coal; and

23 Whereas although he did not live to see the legislation's curbing effect on greenhouse gas
24 emissions, Gary Braasch would have been heartened by his state's commitment to the world we live
25 in; now, therefore,

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

27 That we, the members of the Seventy-ninth Legislative Assembly, recognize and express our
28 appreciation for Gary Braasch's dedicated commitment to the issue of climate change and his life's
29 work on behalf of the planet.

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