

Senate Concurrent Resolution 27

Sponsored by Senator MONNES ANDERSON, Representative MALSTROM

SUMMARY

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Recognizes 2016 Oregon Women of Achievement for outstanding leadership and service to people of Oregon.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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2 Whereas the Oregon Commission for Women presents the Women of Achievement Award to
3 women in Oregon for leading and succeeding in their areas of expertise, promoting the status of
4 women in society, reflecting a commitment to equity and diversity and serving as exemplary role
5 models; and

6 Whereas Nancy Campbell Mead has spent a lifetime as an attorney, judge and advocate in sup-
7 port of equity and diversity for Oregon's most vulnerable communities and is a tireless champion
8 of the rights of all women and girls; and

9 Whereas formerly an attorney practicing family law, Nancy Campbell Mead became Washington
10 County's first woman judge when she was appointed to the Washington County District Court in
11 1988, serving continuously until her retirement from the circuit court in 2006, and during her tenure
12 was instrumental in establishing the county's Domestic Violence Intervention Council; and

13 Whereas Nancy Campbell Mead moved to Depoe Bay after retirement and turned her attention
14 to full-time advocacy, working to revive the local National Organization for Women (NOW) chapter,
15 of which she is a past president, and currently serving as the executive director of the organization's
16 Central Oregon Coast NOW Foundation, which provides community and educational services for
17 women and girls; and

18 Whereas Nancy Campbell Mead serves on NOW's national board of directors, representing the
19 northwest region, and is on the board's Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) Committee and Racial Jus-
20 tice Committee; and

21 Whereas Nancy Campbell Mead has generously contributed her time and expertise as an advi-
22 sory board member of the TransActive Gender Center, as the organizer of a national training con-
23 ference on domestic violence in LGBTQ+ relationships, as a vocal advocate for the continued
24 funding of the Family Preservation Project and as a strong promoter of the Oregon Equal Rights for
25 Women Initiative (Ballot Measure 89 (2014)); and

26 Whereas Nancy Campbell Mead is recognized as an indomitable leader and advocate whose
27 work to effect change on the local, state and national levels has created a powerful legacy for this
28 and future generations; and

29 Whereas Chanpone Sinlapasai-Okamura is a fearless advocate for immigrants and refugees
30 whose own family's experience in coming to the United States as refugees from Laos informs her
31 work; and

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 Whereas as a partner in the law firm Marandas Sinlapasai, Chanpone Sinlapasai-Okamura re-
2 presents clients on general immigration law matters, including deportation defense and appeal, visas,
3 citizenship issues and consular processing, and her practice focuses particularly on assisting chil-
4 dren who are survivors of domestic violence, human trafficking and other serious crime; and

5 Whereas Chanpone Sinlapasai-Okamura's extensive volunteer work as a community activist in-
6 cludes leadership positions with the Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon, the Immigrant and
7 Refugee Community Organization and the Asian Family Center, providing guidance in civic en-
8 gagement and policy advocacy; and

9 Whereas Chanpone Sinlapasai-Okamura is a bridge builder between vulnerable community
10 members and criminal justice systems through her work with the Federal Bureau of Investigation
11 Youth Academy in Portland and is a strong advocate for victims' rights as the chair of the Depart-
12 ment of Justice's Immigrant Crime Victim's Enforcement Committee; and

13 Whereas Chanpone Sinlapasai-Okamura's service on the Task Force on Immigration Consultant
14 Fraud helped to advance legislation that increased law enforcement's ability to take action against
15 fraudulent notarios who prey on refugees and immigrants; and

16 Whereas Chanpone Sinlapasai-Okamura is known as a community change maker who builds re-
17 lationships, fosters partnerships and takes direct action with energy, compassion and resolve; and

18 Whereas each of these women is a dynamic leader and role model with a strong record of ser-
19 vice to the community; now, therefore,

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

21 That we, the members of the Seventy-ninth Legislative Assembly, recognize Nancy Campbell
22 Mead and Chanpone Sinlapasai-Okamura as Oregon Women of Achievement.

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