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Senate Concurrent Resolution 28

Sponsored by Senator WINTERS, Representative HACK

Whereas Harold White was born in Bozeman, Montana, served in the United States Air Force and earned his certification in systematic theology, and was ordained, at the Alaska Bible Institute; and

Whereas Harold White moved to Aumsville, Oregon, in 1978 and resumed a career of public service by becoming the interim police chief of Aumsville; and

Whereas Harold White served as a member of the Aumsville Park and Recreation Commission for two years and as a member and chair of the Aumsville Planning Commission for two years; and

Whereas Harold White was first elected as mayor of Aumsville by its residents in 1986; and

Whereas Mayor Harold White provided leadership to residents of Aumsville through the development of a comprehensive visioning document used to set priorities and steer the city in short-term and long-term goal setting; and

Whereas Mayor Harold White received the Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments' Gwen VanDenBosch Regional Leadership Award for his work on the visioning document for the City of Aumsville; and

Whereas Mayor Harold White oversaw improvements to Aumsville's First Street, upgrades to the city's water system, playground improvements and construction of the new city hall and police complex and recorded the accomplishment of more than 240 visioning projects; and

Whereas Mayor Harold White served on the Mid-Willamette Valley Mayors Coalition, the Santiam Regional Advisory Council, the Cascade Progress Team, the board of directors of the League of Oregon Cities, was a long-standing member of the Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments, is a past president of the Oregon Mayors Association and regularly sat on K through 12 educational forums; and

Whereas Mayor Harold White was instrumental in working with the neighboring Small Cities Coalition to enter a Santiam Regional Agreement in 2000 and bring about the Chemeketa Area Regional Transportation System (CARTS); and

Whereas Mayor Harold White's hard work, talent and leadership were essential in helping residents of Aumsville cope with the effects of a tornado that touched down on December 14, 2010, and that resulted in substantial damage to the city's housing, businesses and infrastructure; and

Whereas Mayor White's subsequent efforts helped to ensure that the City of Aumsville was eligible to receive compensatory funds from its insurance coverage, relief funds from grants and charitable donations and other funds to aid in the city's quick recovery; and

Whereas Mayor Harold White is credited with helping to make Aumsville, as proclaimed on the city's website, "A Great Place to Live," and city officials sing his praises, seek his mentorship and continue his legacy; and

Whereas Harold White was elected as the mayor of Aumsville for 30 consecutive years, joining mayors from Tillamook, Columbia City and Millersburg as one of the longest-serving mayors in Oregon history; and

Whereas Harold White has actively served as a nursing home chaplain in eight area facilities for over 25 years and has served as associate pastor at Bethel Baptist Church, where he has been a member for more than 30 years; and

Whereas Harold White and Bonnie, his beloved wife of 48 years, have raised two children, nurtured eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren and worked side by side in their nursing home chaplaincy, touching the lives of thousands of patients in the Willamette Valley; and

Whereas Harold White, through his personal integrity, visionary thinking, dedication and incredible devotion and commitment to the citizens and community of Aumsville and the greater mid-Willamette Valley for the past 38 years, has lived an exemplary life — a role model for all to emulate; now, therefore,

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

That we, the members of the Seventy-ninth Legislative Assembly, recognize and celebrate the myriad contributions and achievements Harold White has so freely shared with his friends and neighbors in Oregon over his 38 years of service.

Adopted by Senate June 1, 2017

Lori L. Brocker, Secretary of Senate

Peter Courtney, President of Senate

Adopted by House June 22, 2017

Tina Kotek, Speaker of House