## **Senate Concurrent Resolution 7**

Sponsored by Senators OLSEN, JOHNSON, HASS, BAERTSCHIGER JR, BURDICK, COURTNEY, MONNES ANDERSON, STEINER HAYWARD, WINTERS, Representative PARRISH; Senators BEYER, BOQUIST, DEMBROW, DEVLIN, FERRIOLI, GELSER, GIROD, HANSELL, KNOPP, KRUSE, MONROE, PROZANSKI, RILEY, ROBLAN, THATCHER, Representative STARK (at the request of former Senators Chris Edwards, Diane Rosenbaum, Chip Shields, Kevin Talbert, Doug Whitsett, former Representative Gail Whitsett) (Presession filed.)

## **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.** 

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

In memoriam: Senator Alan Bates, 1945-2016.

sure a healthy, livable planet for future generations; and

state have a chance to prosper and thrive; and

## 2 Whereas Senator Alan Bates was born on March 17, 1945, in Seattle, Washington, to Curtis and Ruth Bates; and 3 4 Whereas Senator Alan Bates graduated from Everett High School in 1963; and 5 Whereas Senator Alan Bates served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War; and 6 Whereas in 1977, Senator Alan Bates graduated from the College of Osteopathic Medicine in 7 Kansas City, Missouri; and 8 Whereas Alan Bates excelled in patient-centered care, maintaining a family medical practice in 9 southern Oregon for more than 30 years; and Whereas Senator Alan Bates built relationships with generations of families and became a hero 10 to strangers in need; and 11 12 Whereas in addition to direct patient care, Senator Alan Bates served as the Chief of Medicine at Rogue Regional Medical Center and Providence Medical Center, as well as on the board of di-13 rectors of Asante Physician Partners; and 14 15 Whereas Senator Alan Bates was a founder of modern healthcare in Oregon, serving on and 16 chairing the Health Services Commission, where he developed the methodology for the Oregon Health Plan; and 17 18 Whereas in 2000, after 10 years on the Eagle Point School Board, Senator Alan Bates entered 19 the Oregon House of Representatives, where he rescued the Oregon Health Plan by working across 20 the aisle; and 21 Whereas in 2004, Senator Alan Bates was elected to the Oregon Senate; and 22 Whereas Senator Alan Bates was known for his role in creating the Oregon Health Authority 23 and guiding Oregon's Health System Transformation, which is seen as the flagship model for the 24 nation; and

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Whereas Senator Alan Bates was a champion of the environment and worked tirelessly to en-

Whereas Senator Alan Bates also worked hard to help working class Oregonians across this

Whereas all the while, Senator Alan Bates continued to serve first as a doctor, often acting as

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- the Legislative Assembly's de facto physician and always returning home to see his patients on the weekend; and
- Whereas Senator Alan Bates' diagnostic skills saved the life of a fellow legislator in June 2015, when Senator Alan Olsen suffered a heart attack in the Capitol; and
  - Whereas when Senator Olsen declared, "This is the man that saved my life," Senator Bates downplayed his own role and gave the credit to others, claiming that he was "just part of the team"; and
  - Whereas throughout his life, Senator Alan Bates was a master fly fisherman; and
- Whereas perhaps Senator Alan Bates' greatest love, aside from seeing patients, was teaching the art to close friends, children and grandchildren; and
- Whereas on August 5, 2016, Senator Alan Bates died while doing what he loved-spending a day fly fishing on the Rogue River with his son; and
  - Whereas as a doctor, father, statesman, husband, fly fisherman and friend, Senator Alan Bates improved the lives of millions of individuals; and
  - Whereas through his commitment to better health for all, Senator Alan Bates set the ultimate example of what a doctor who truly cares could do; now, therefore,

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

- That we, the Seventy-ninth Legislative Assembly, express our condolences to Senator Alan Bates' wife and family and express the deep sense of loss felt by the Legislative Assembly and the Capitol community; and be it further
- Resolved, That we honor and celebrate the remarkable life and achievements of Senator Alan Bates and express our sincere and abiding gratitude for his service to the Legislative Assembly and to all Oregonians.

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