

1 the Legislative Assembly’s de facto physician and always returning home to see his patients on the
2 weekend; and

3 Whereas Senator Alan Bates’ diagnostic skills saved the life of a fellow legislator in June 2015,
4 when Senator Alan Olsen suffered a heart attack in the Capitol; and

5 Whereas when Senator Olsen declared, “This is the man that saved my life,” Senator Bates
6 downplayed his own role and gave the credit to others, claiming that he was “just part of the
7 team”; and

8 Whereas throughout his life, Senator Alan Bates was a master fly fisherman; and

9 Whereas perhaps Senator Alan Bates’ greatest love, aside from seeing patients, was teaching the
10 art to close friends, children and grandchildren; and

11 Whereas on August 5, 2016, Senator Alan Bates died while doing what he loved—spending a day
12 fly fishing on the Rogue River with his son; and

13 Whereas as a doctor, father, statesman, husband, fly fisherman and friend, Senator Alan Bates
14 improved the lives of millions of individuals; and

15 Whereas through his commitment to better health for all, Senator Alan Bates set the ultimate
16 example of what a doctor who truly cares could do; now, therefore,

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

18 That we, the Seventy-ninth Legislative Assembly, express our condolences to Senator Alan
19 Bates’ wife and family and express the deep sense of loss felt by the Legislative Assembly and the
20 Capitol community; and be it further

21 Resolved, That we honor and celebrate the remarkable life and achievements of Senator Alan
22 Bates and express our sincere and abiding gratitude for his service to the Legislative Assembly and
23 to all Oregonians.

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