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House Concurrent Resolution 201

Sponsored by Representative BARNHART, Senators BURDICK, HASS; Representatives BUEHLER, HERNANDEZ, MARSH, NOSSE, SMITH WARNER (Presession filed.)

Whereas Paul Warner was first appointed Legislative Revenue Officer in January 1999, and served the Legislative Assembly as Legislative Revenue Officer from the date of his appointment until the date of his retirement in November 2017, a period of 18 years of continuous service; and

Whereas Paul Warner is only the third individual to hold the position of Legislative Revenue Officer, having served as Legislative Revenue Officer longer than anyone else; and

Whereas under Paul Warner's supervision, the Legislative Revenue Office prepared 108 formal research reports and an estimated 16,000 revenue impact statements; and

Whereas Paul Warner was born in a United States military hospital in Germany, due to his father being in the United States Air Force; and

Whereas because Paul Warner was in a military family, he grew up in many different places around the world, including Iceland, Mississippi and Tacoma, Washington; and

Whereas Paul Warner received a B.A. from Central Washington University in 1975 and a Ph.D. in economics from Washington State University in 1981; and

Whereas Paul Warner served as an Assistant Professor of Economics at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point for four years following completion of his studies; and

Whereas between 1986 and 1989, Paul Warner served as a Senior Economist for the State of Mississippi, responsible for tax policy analysis and revenue forecasting for that state; and

Whereas Paul Warner moved to Oregon in 1989; and

Whereas Paul Warner has been married to his wife Laurie Warner for more than 20 years, has two grown children, Jill and Reed, and two grandchildren, Sofia and Carter; and

Whereas Paul Warner is a lifelong sports fan, and particularly loves cheering on the Washington State University Cougars; and

Whereas Paul Warner loves dogs, particularly beagles; and

Whereas when not pondering complex economic matters, Paul Warner loves learning about history, and his friends and colleagues consider him a history buff; and

Whereas Paul Warner became the Oregon State Economist in 1989 and in that capacity served as the director of the Office of Economic Analysis; and

Whereas as the Oregon State Economist, Paul Warner was the person responsible for making the revenue estimates upon which the surplus revenue "kicker" refund was based, a job some have characterized as the least enviable in all of state government; and

Whereas over the past 28 years, Oregon tax policy has grown in complexity and volatility; and

Whereas Oregon tax policy is often multifaceted, attempting to accomplish many goals; and

Whereas a sound tax and revenue system is the foundation of Oregon state and local governments' abilities to provide quality public services to all Oregonians; and

Whereas for the past 28 years, first as Oregon State Economist and for the last 18 years as Legislative Revenue Officer, Paul Warner has been at the center of countless discussions, debates and complex decisions on state and local tax and revenue policies; and

Whereas throughout his entire tenure as Legislative Revenue Officer, Paul Warner exhibited great knowledge, wisdom and expertise, while also possessing an ability to explain arcane and complex subjects in an accurate and understandable way; and

Whereas despite considerable demands and pressures placed on him, Paul Warner met all challenges with graciousness, evenhandedness, patience and kindness, of which the Legislative Assembly and all Oregonians have been the fortunate beneficiaries; now, therefore,

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

That we, the members of the Seventy-ninth Legislative Assembly, commend Paul Warner for his years of service as the Legislative Revenue Officer, extend congratulations and gratitude to Paul Warner for exemplary leadership and assistance given to the State of Oregon and Oregonians throughout his career and wish Paul Warner well in his retirement.

Adopted by House February 13, 2018

Timothy G. Sekerak, Chief Clerk of House

Tina Kotek, Speaker of House

Adopted by Senate February 20, 2018

Peter Courtney, President of Senate