

Senate Concurrent Resolution 205

Sponsored by Senator COURTNEY

SUMMARY

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Recognizes and celebrates Dr. Joe Robertson for his career at Oregon Health and Science University and extends well wishes to him upon his retirement.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Whereas Joe Robertson, M.D., has been president of Oregon Health and Science University since September 2006, the culmination of a career at OHSU that has spanned nearly 40 years; and

Whereas Dr. Robertson moved to Oregon for the mountains and rivers and began an ophthalmology residency at OHSU in 1979; and

Whereas Dr. Robertson joined the OHSU faculty in 1985, choosing an academic career for the opportunity to educate the next generation of health care providers, perform innovative research and provide critical patient care; and

Whereas Dr. Robertson joined an international research project at OHSU that developed a treatment for retinopathy of prematurity, a condition that at that time was a near guarantee of blindness for premature infants but that today is a very rare occurrence for which the majority of affected infants can be successfully treated; and

Whereas Dr. Robertson has held many leadership roles at OHSU, including Chair of the Department of Ophthalmology and Director of the Casey Eye Institute, Dean of the School of Medicine and President; and

Whereas as Dean of the School of Medicine, Dr. Robertson focused his efforts on expanding Oregon's health care workforce and addressing the geographic maldistribution of providers; and

Whereas one of Dr. Robertson's first actions as president was to reassert OHSU's statewide role in serving a campus that encompasses all of Oregon's 98,000 square miles, a commitment he showed by spending his first day as president in John Day, Oregon; and

Whereas Dr. Robertson led OHSU's Vision 2020 strategic plan, focusing on collaboration and innovation and putting OHSU at the leading edge of academic health centers nationally in terms of readiness for health care reform and a changing economic landscape; and

Whereas under Dr. Robertson's leadership, the emphasis at OHSU on partnerships to leverage resources and promote excellence has led to a number of collaborative achievements, including the establishment of the OHSU-Portland State University Strategic Alliance that led to the joint OHSU-PSU School of Public Health, the construction of the Collaborative Life Sciences Building in conjunction with PSU, Oregon State University and the State of Oregon, the development of the Campus for Rural Health and the establishment of a partnership with Intel Corporation to develop next-generation computing technologies that advance the field of personalized medicine; and

Whereas Dr. Robertson has been a leader in the State of Oregon's health care transformation

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1 work, serving on the Oregon Health Policy Board since its creation in 2009 and serving as one of
2 the founding board members of Health Share of Oregon, a Portland-area coordinated care organiza-
3 tion; and

4 Whereas in October 2017, Dr. Robertson announced his intention to retire from the OHSU
5 presidency at the conclusion of the 2017-2018 academic year; now, therefore,

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

7 That we, the members of the Seventy-ninth Legislative Assembly, recognize and celebrate Dr.
8 Joe Robertson's myriad achievements and contributions to Oregon Health and Science University
9 and the State of Oregon during his many years of service and leadership and wish him well in his
10 retirement.

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