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SUMMARY

Commemorates centennial of town of Rhododendron.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Whereas in 1846 Sam Barlow established the Barlow Road along modern-day United States Route 26 as an overland alternative to the treacherous Columbia River portion of the Oregon Trail; and

Whereas weary travelers along the Barlow Road once stopped at a wide spot in the road at the western foot of Mount Hood to gather strength for the last stretch of their trip to the Willamette Valley; and

Whereas in 1905, former Portland Mayor Henry S. Rowe directed the construction of and operated an inn on his parcel of land at that wide spot in the road, naming it the Rhododendron Inn due to the large number of rhododendrons growing in the area; and

Whereas the community of Rhododendron developed around the inn as a summer resort colony for travelers wishing to enjoy the mountain and forest scenery, as well as to ski and engage in other recreational activities; and

Whereas on January 26, 1920, a United States post office was dedicated for the area, formally naming it Rhododendron, Oregon; and

Whereas the Rhododendron Post Office is still in operation today; and

Whereas the vibrant and idyllic unincorporated town of Rhododendron remains an important part of the mountain communities of Clackamas County, and it is home to nearly 2,000 Oregonians; now, therefore,

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

That we, the members of the Eightieth Legislative Assembly, commem-

1 orate the 100th anniversary of the town of Rhododendron, and we extend our
2 gratitude to its residents, business owners and community planners for their
3 century of contributions to the State of Oregon.

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