

SCR 26 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Wilde

House Committee On Rules

Action Date: 05/29/19

Action: Be Adopted.

Vote: 7-0-0-0

Yeas: 7 - Boles, Holvey, Nosse, Smith Warner, Sprenger, Williamson, Wilson

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 5/29

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Recognizes Evangeline Mary Kelsch "Vange" Bigham for her life as an educator, volunteer, and community advocate.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Ms. Bigham's commitment the community
- The love of family and friends

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Evangeline Mary Kelsch "Vange" Bingham was a lifelong Oregonian who tirelessly dedicated her life to teaching and causes dear to her until her death on December 31, 2018.

Vange Bingham was born on June 6, 1945, in Springfield, Oregon, to Joseph and Ella Kelsch. She grew up in Creswell, Oregon, where she picked beans in the summer and enjoyed riding her bicycle down the road that eventually became Interstate 5. During her time at Creswell High School she was a cheerleader and in 1963, she graduated as the salutatorian for her class. Vange attended Southern Oregon College (now Southern Oregon University) for a year before returning to Creswell, where she worked in the post office and met Richard Bingham. Vange and Richard Bingham were married in 1964, and together they raised two children, Chrissy and Rick. Vange's biggest joy was spending time with her family, and she had a special knack for making each of her grandchildren feel that they were her favorite. She is survived by her husband, two children, and nine grandchildren.

While raising her children, Vange Bingham returned to higher education, earning academic honors and graduating from the University of Oregon in 1992. Vange Bingham went on to work as a teacher at Springfield High School, where she enjoyed teaching honors English and journalism and took great pride in working with her student to publish the school's weekly newspaper. Vange retired from teaching in 2003 but she did not slow down her active and committee volunteer work, devoting countless hours to the causes dear to her. The result of her tireless work was ensuring that the new Creswell Library became a reality.

Vange Bingham had a zest for life and a rare gift for making any event feel like a party. She will be forever remembered as a dedicated teacher and a tireless volunteer who touched many lives and made her community a better place.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 26 celebrates the life and accomplishments of Evangeline Mary Kelsch "Vange" Bingham and her contributions to the people of this state.