

# House Concurrent Resolution 14

Sponsored by Representative MCKEOWN, Senator ROBLAN

## SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Changes name of Silver Creek Heritage Grove in Elliott State Forest to Jerry Phillips Reserve.

## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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2       Whereas the Elliott State Forest was established in 1930 as Oregon's first state forest and was  
3 named for Francis Elliott, Oregon's first state forester; and

4       Whereas the Elliott State Forest is located in Coos and Douglas Counties and includes nearly  
5 100,000 acres; and

6       Whereas the Silver Creek Heritage Grove is an old-growth portion of approximately 50 acres  
7 of the Elliott State Forest that is composed of Douglas fir with a hemlock understory, and it is home  
8 to trees well over 200 years old and many varieties of flora and fauna; and

9       Whereas the Silver Creek Heritage Grove is typical of the forest that covered nearly all of the  
10 Coos River drainage until major harvesting began; and

11       Whereas the Silver Creek Heritage Grove has been maintained and managed for the enjoyment  
12 and education of visitors, and it is not included in any planned production from the Elliott State  
13 Forest; and

14       Whereas Jerry Phillips graduated from Oregon State College (now Oregon State University) in  
15 1950, earning a degree in forestry; and

16       Whereas Jerry Phillips worked for the Linn County Fire Patrol Association before accepting a  
17 job with the State Forestry Department in 1952; and

18       Whereas in 1956 Jerry Phillips joined the newly formed management team for the Elliott State  
19 Forest, and he worked on the staff of that forest until 1989, beginning on its first inventory crew  
20 and ultimately becoming its manager for 19 years; and

21       Whereas even in retirement, Jerry Phillips continued to make the Elliott State Forest his life's  
22 work, selflessly offering his expertise and volunteering his time in many capacities; and

23       Whereas Jerry Phillips's book, *Caulked Boots and Cheese Sandwiches*, was published in 1996, and  
24 it remains the foremost history of the Elliott State Forest, as well as a fond memoir of his experi-  
25 ences working in the forest; and

26       Whereas Jerry Phillips wrote, "It is the extremely unusual and blessed Forester who is so lucky  
27 as to have been present for the beginning of management on a so-called virgin forest, and to have  
28 gone on to work on that forest for the next thirty-four years" and "I was privileged to be in that  
29 situation"; and

30       Whereas the Elliott State Forest has had a great friend in Jerry Phillips, and his devoted  
31 stewardship has greatly enhanced this public resource for the people of this state; and

32       Whereas the peacefulness and pristine beauty of the Silver Creek Heritage Grove continue to

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1 attract many visitors each year; and

2       Whereas it would be a fitting tribute and an enduring legacy to rename the Silver Creek Her-  
3 itage Grove in honor of Jerry Phillips; now, therefore,

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

5       That we, the members of the Eightieth Legislative Assembly, express our gratitude to Jerry  
6 Phillips for his many contributions to the Elliott State Forest and the State of Oregon; and be it  
7 further

8       Resolved, That the Silver Creek Heritage Grove in the Elliott State Forest is renamed the Jerry  
9 Phillips Reserve.

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