

House Concurrent Resolution 2

Sponsored by Representative WILLIAMSON, Senator BURDICK; Representative DOHERTY (Pre-session filed.)

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**.

Commemorates 150th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln High School in Portland.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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2 Whereas Abraham Lincoln High School was established as Portland High School in 1869, a
3 decade after Oregon became a state, making it one of the oldest and most celebrated public sec-
4 ondary schools west of the Mississippi River; and

5 Whereas Lincoln High School is located in the Goose Hollow neighborhood of Portland and
6 currently occupies its fourth building, with plans for the fifth campus well underway; and

7 Whereas Lincoln High School has always been a classic college preparatory high school and has
8 graduated tens of thousands of students who have gone on to higher learning and successful lives;
9 and

10 Whereas Lincoln High School has been nationally recognized as one of America's best public
11 high schools based on its consistently high graduation rates, which are the best in Portland Public
12 Schools, its large number of National Merit semifinalists and the high participation levels and test
13 scores of students participating in the International Baccalaureate program; and

14 Whereas Lincoln High School has more than 60 faculty members who provide high-quality aca-
15 demic and extracurricular opportunities, including enhanced and advanced coursework in English,
16 social sciences, mathematics, physical and life sciences and foreign languages, including the rigorous
17 12-year-long Spanish-language immersion program, which graduates approximately 30 completely
18 fluent students every year; and

19 Whereas Lincoln High School's Constitution Team has won 23 state championships and six na-
20 tional titles, and the Speech and Debate Team and the Mock Trial Team compete nationally and
21 have earned national distinction; and

22 Whereas Lincoln High School's student-athletes have served as role models for the Lincoln
23 community to strive for excellence, winning 38 state championships, 23 of which were won by all-
24 women teams; and

25 Whereas Lincoln High School's student newspaper, *The Cardinal Times*, was established in 1897
26 and is the oldest continuously published high school newspaper on the West Coast and has produced
27 writers, essayists and thinkers who have gone on to have professional careers in journalism and
28 communications; and

29 Whereas Lincoln High School's tri-yearly magazine, *Beyond the Flock*, and Oregon's first high
30 school Spanish-language magazine, *puño & letra*, provide diversity and richness of writing and
31 opinion; and

32 Whereas Lincoln High School has produced a long line of illustrious alumni, including Matt

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1 Groening, creator of “The Simpsons,” Mel Blanc, the voice of Bugs Bunny, Signe Toly Anderson of
2 the iconic rock band Jefferson Airplane, musician Nate Query of The Decemberists, singer-
3 songwriter Elliott Smith, Robert Mann, a founding member of the Juilliard String Quartet, baseball
4 legends Johnny Pesky and Mickey Lolich, artist Mark Rothko and poet Gary Snyder; and

5 Whereas Lincoln High School hosts 77 student-led clubs and student unions, providing a plat-
6 form for diversity and service throughout the Portland community, values that are further cele-
7 brated at Lincoln’s annual Multicultural Assembly, run solely by student leaders and student
8 organizations; and

9 Whereas Lincoln High School in 2016 became the first high school in Oregon and the fifth in
10 the nation to set up a multistall gender-neutral bathroom, and Lincoln continues to dedicate itself
11 to creating an open and welcoming community for all genders and sexualities; and

12 Whereas Lincoln High School is devoting 2019 to an “L 150” celebration that is just, inclusive
13 and participatory, carrying forward the “Cardinal Spirit” of our academic and civic heritage to in-
14 spire learning toward a more just and equitable world; now, therefore,

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

16 That we, the members of the Eightieth Legislative Assembly, commemorate the 150th anniver-
17 sary of Abraham Lincoln High School in Portland and congratulate its students, faculty and alumni
18 on their countless achievements and legacy of public service and inspired global thinking for 150
19 years and into the future. Go Cardinals!

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