House Concurrent Resolution 6

Sponsored by Representatives CLEM, GOMBERG (Presession 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**.

Commends 2018 national champion Oregon State University Beavers baseball team for outstanding season.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 1 Whereas the 2018 Oregon State University (OSU) Beavers baseball team capped an outstanding 2 regular season by winning the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) regional playoffs 3 at Goss Stadium in Corvallis, Oregon; and 4 Whereas the Beavers then swept Minnesota in the NCAA Corvallis Super Regional; and 5 6 Whereas the playoff wins earned OSU their seventh trip to the College World Series (CWS) in 7 Omaha, Nebraska, following trips in 1952, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2013 and 2017; and 8 Whereas the 2017 OSU team had lost in the CWS semifinals, so the Beavers returned to Omaha in 2018 on a mission, hoping to complete the "unfinished business" of the preceding season; and 9 Whereas a first-round loss to North Carolina put the Beavers' backs to the wall, forcing OSU 10 to win consecutive elimination games against Washington, North Carolina and Mississippi State 11 (twice) to survive and advance to the championship series to face Arkansas; and 1213Whereas OSU lost game one of the best-of-three championship series, putting the Beavers once again on the brink of elimination from the CWS; and 14 Whereas in game two of the championship series, the Beavers' hopes dangled by a thread, with 1516 OSU behind in the ninth inning with two outs and two strikes, down to what could have been the 17 final pitch of the CWS; and 18 Whereas shortstop Cadyn Grenier delivered a clutch single to keep the Beavers alive, followed by a heroic home run from outfielder Trevor Larnach that led OSU to a dramatic and improbable 19 come-from-behind victory; and 20 21Whereas the Beavers then rode a brilliant pitching performance from freshman Kevin Abel to 22a shutout victory in the third and deciding game of the series on June 28, 2018; and Whereas with the victory, the Beavers won their third NCAA baseball championship, following 2324 back-to-back titles in 2006 and 2007; and 25Whereas catcher Adley Rutschman, whose hometown is Sherwood, Oregon, was named the CWS Most Outstanding Player, setting a CWS record with his 17 hits; and 2627Whereas Rutschman was joined on the CWS All-Tournament team by Abel, Larnach, Grenier 28 and designated hitter Tyler Malone; and 29 Whereas six Beavers earned selection to various All-American teams: Larnach, Rutschman, 30 Grenier, second baseman Nick Madrigal and pitchers Jake Mulholland and Luke Heimlich; and Whereas six Beavers were selected in the 2018 Major League Baseball amateur draft: first-round 31NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

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picks Madrigal, Larnach and Grenier, outfielder Steven Kwan in the fifth round, pitcher Drew
Rasmussen in the sixth round and third baseman Michael Gretler in the 10th round; and

3 Whereas head coach Pat Casey, whose hometown is Newberg, Oregon, was named national 4 coach of the year in 2018, the fifth time he has won that honor; and

5 Whereas Casey announced his retirement as head coach following the 2018 season, ending his 6 legendary 24-year stint leading the OSU baseball program and marking the beginning of a new ad-7 ministrative role for him in the OSU Athletic Department; and

8 Whereas an impressive number of the 2018 OSU baseball players and coaches hail from Oregon 9 hometowns; and

Whereas for the second season in a row, 16 OSU student-athletes were selected to the Pac-12
Conference All-Academic baseball teams; and

12 Whereas OSU baseball players and coaches exhibited outstanding character and sportsmanship 13 on and off the playing field all season; and

Whereas the never-say-die 2018 OSU baseball team thrilled Beaver Nation and the State of Oregon and earned the respect of fans around the country with their courage and fighting spirit,

16 refusing again and again to be eliminated until they were finally crowned champions; now, therefore,

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

18 That we, the members of the Eightieth Legislative Assembly, commend the exemplary achieve-19 ments of the NCAA Division I national baseball champions, the Oregon State University Beavers; 20 and be it further

Resolved, That we congratulate Pat Casey on his remarkable career as head coach, recognize his service to Oregon State University and to the State of Oregon and wish him well in his future endeavors.

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