

# Senate Concurrent Resolution 24

Sponsored by Senator JOHNSON

## SUMMARY

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In memoriam: Lewis Linn McArthur, 1917-2018.

## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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2       Whereas Lewis Linn McArthur was born on May 22, 1917, in Portland, Oregon, to Lewis Ankeny  
3 McArthur and Polly Hewett McArthur; and

4       Whereas Lew McArthur graduated from Lincoln High School in Portland in 1934; and

5       Whereas in 1938, Lew McArthur graduated from the University of California at Berkeley with  
6 an undergraduate degree in economics; and

7       Whereas after graduation, Lew McArthur worked for the Columbia Steel Company in Portland;  
8 and

9       Whereas Lew McArthur served in the United States Army during World War II, including duty  
10 in the Aleutian Islands; and

11       Whereas Lew McArthur was discharged from the Army in 1945 with the rank of major, and he  
12 was later promoted to lieutenant colonel in the Army Reserve; and

13       Whereas from 1946 to 1986, Lew McArthur was a construction executive for the Ray F. Becker  
14 Company in Portland, specializing in light steel construction; and

15       Whereas in 1946, Lew McArthur married Joyce Abigail Clark, and they raised a family of four  
16 children and two grandchildren; and

17       Whereas in 1970, Oregon Governor Tom McCall appointed Lew McArthur to the State Advisory  
18 Committee on Historic Preservation, and he served in that capacity until 1981; and

19       Whereas Lew McArthur had a prominent role in the restoration of the Columbia River Highway  
20 from the early days of that project, and he served as chairman of the Historic Columbia River  
21 Highway Advisory Committee; and

22       Whereas Lew McArthur was a member of the Oregon Geographic Names Board from 1958 to  
23 2006; and

24       Whereas Lew McArthur followed in the footsteps of his father in documenting the place names  
25 of this state by compiling and publishing the landmark reference book, *Oregon Geographic Names*;  
26 and

27       Whereas like his father, Lew McArthur made generous and significant contributions to our  
28 understanding of Oregon's history, and he was responsible for preparing the fourth (1974), fifth  
29 (1982), sixth (1992) and seventh (2003) editions of this beloved and classic book; and

30       Whereas the seventh edition of *Oregon Geographic Names* contains an astounding 6,252 entries,  
31 covering every nook and cranny of the state, from A B Crossing to Zwagg Island; and

32       Whereas Lew McArthur believed that place names are integral to our understanding of history

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1 and to how we think of our own localities; and

2       Whereas Lew McArthur’s daughter, Mary McArthur, is continuing the family tradition by  
3 working on the forthcoming eighth edition of *Oregon Geographic Names*; and

4       Whereas Lew McArthur was a longtime member of the Oregon Historical Society, the American  
5 Name Society and the Canadian Society for the Study of Names; and

6       Whereas in 2005, the American Association for State and Local History recognized Lew  
7 McArthur with a merit award for individual achievement; and

8       Whereas Lew McArthur was an avid mountaineer who climbed many of North America’s highest  
9 peaks, and he was a longtime member of the American Alpine Club and the Alpine Club of Canada;  
10 and

11       Whereas Lew McArthur enjoyed traveling around Oregon and, in the words of his daughter  
12 Mary, he loved “the whole idea of being connected to our history and the people”; and

13       Whereas Lew McArthur passed away on August 29, 2018; and

14       Whereas Lew McArthur will be remembered as a Renaissance man with rare intellectual gifts,  
15 who embraced technology and innovation but was captivated by the past; and

16       Whereas Lew McArthur left his mark on the State of Oregon through his devoted efforts to  
17 ensure that our place names reflect the authentic history of Oregon, including the history of Native  
18 Americans; now, therefore,

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

20       That we, the members of the Eightieth Legislative Assembly, celebrate the life and accomplish-  
21 ments of Lewis Linn McArthur, and we recognize and honor his contributions to the people of this  
22 state; and be it further

23       Resolved, That a copy of this resolution shall be presented to the family of Lew McArthur as  
24 an expression of our sympathy and condolences.

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