

Enrolled
Senate Concurrent Resolution 8

Sponsored by Senator JOHNSON; Representative MITCHELL (Presession filed.)

Whereas Robert Bromley Valade was born on October 22, 1941, in Union County, Oregon, to Darrell and Irene Valade; and

Whereas Robert Bromley Valade grew up in La Grande, Oregon, where he broke horses, picked fruit, worked as a hunting guide and flew small planes, but discovered that his true passion was for art; and

Whereas Robert Bromley Valade began engraving early in life when other children would request that he scratch designs on their prized possessions; and

Whereas Robert Bromley Valade's first professional engraving job was in 1968 for famed saddle maker Charlie Baker; and

Whereas although a self-taught engraver, Robert Bromley Valade forged a remarkable career and become an internationally renowned artist with a string of illustrious clients, including pilot Chuck Yeager and actors Clint Eastwood, Roy Rogers and John Wayne; and

Whereas Robert Bromley Valade engraved guns, knives, hatchets, saddles, lighters, belt buckles, fishing rods and even a drum set for musician Ringo Starr; and

Whereas Robert Bromley Valade was proudest of the set of Colt Army Model single-action revolvers he engraved for Ronald Reagan shortly after Reagan was elected President of the United States; and

Whereas in an era when most engraving is done by machines or using other expedited methods, Robert Bromley Valade was one of fewer than 50 master engravers in the United States who used traditional tools and methods to craft his beautiful designs by hand; and

Whereas despite his celebrity clients and his own reputation as an engraving icon, Robert Bromley Valade was as legendary for his humility and kindness as he was for his remarkable artwork; and

Whereas Robert Bromley Valade met his future wife, Joann, in a high school English class, and they went on to share a marriage that lasted half a century; and

Whereas Joann and Robert Bromley Valade made Seaside, Oregon, their home for the last two decades of their life together; and

Whereas Robert Bromley Valade died on November 1, 2016; now, therefore,

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

That we, the members of the Eightieth Legislative Assembly, honor and celebrate the life and accomplishments of master engraver Robert Bromley Valade; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution shall be presented to the family of Robert Bromley Valade as an expression of our sympathy and condolences.

Adopted by Senate March 4, 2019

Lori L. Brocker, Secretary of Senate

Peter Courtney, President of Senate

Adopted by House April 15, 2019

Tina Kotek, Speaker of House