

SCR 10 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Rules

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Meeting Dates: 6/25

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Honors and celebrates the life and achievements of Senator Jackie Winters (1937-2019), and expresses gratitude for her service to the Legislative Assembly and to all Oregonians.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Senator Jackie Winters was a trailblazing stateswoman and a champion for justice, and she will forever be remembered for her decades of dedicated public service to the State of Oregon.

Senator Jackie Winters was born in Topeka, Kansas, on April 15, 1937, and in 1943 she moved with her family to Portland, Oregon. As a young girl, Senator Winters survived the Vanport flood and attended public schools in Portland. She continued her education with coursework at Portland Community College and Oregon State University.

In 1969, Senator Jackie Winters was recruited by Governor Tom McCall to be supervisor of the Office of Economic Opportunity's New Resources Program, launching her 50-year career in public service. In 1979, Senator Winters was appointed as an ombudsman by Governor Victor Atiyeh and during her service she helped create the Oregon Food Share program, the first statewide nonprofit food sharing network, which, to this day continues to serve Oregon's neediest families. Senator Winters became the first African American Republican to serve in the Legislative Assembly when she was elected to the House of Representatives in 1998. In 2002, Senator Winters was elected to the Oregon Senate, an office she held until her death on May 29, 2019.

Senator Jackie Winters was renowned for her graciousness and civility, but she also loved a good fight and she tenaciously battled for the causes and people she believed in. Senator Winters refused to let discrimination block her path, and her monumental accomplishments are a testament to her unique abilities and indomitable spirit. Senator Winters led by example with wisdom, integrity, and dignity, and she was a constant source of inspiration to those around her and she will serve as a role model for generations to come.

While Senator Winters was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Ted, she is survived by her brother, four children, two step-children, and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 10 honors and celebrates the remarkable life and achievements of Senator Jackie Winters and expresses gratitude for her service to the Legislative Assembly and all Oregonians.