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House Concurrent Resolution 13

Sponsored by Representative DRAZAN; Representatives LEIF, MOORE-GREEN, RESCHKE, SMITH G, Senator HANSELL (Pre-session filed.)

Whereas George Ira Fenton Jr. was born on February 25, 1931, near Harper, Oregon, to Hazel Star Northrup Fenton and George I. Fenton; and

Whereas George Fenton Jr. was the youngest of six children who grew up on a working ranch before the family moved to Ontario, Oregon, during the Great Depression; and

Whereas George Fenton Jr. graduated from Ontario High School, where he played football and baseball and worked at a motel and movie theater; and

Whereas George Fenton Jr. briefly attended university before he was drafted during the Korean War, and he served his country with honor and distinction in the United States Army from 1951 to 1953; and

Whereas George Fenton Jr. served in the 6th Infantry Division, where he was a clerk-typist at ordnance battalion headquarters in Nancy, France, and he was honorably discharged with the rank of sergeant; and

Whereas George Fenton Jr. received a bachelor's degree in 1957 and a master's degree in 1960 from Eastern Oregon College; and

Whereas George Fenton Jr. continued his education at the University of Nevada, Reno, with an administrative degree in education in 1963; and

Whereas George Fenton Jr. married Joyce Joann Kroenlein in 1958, and together they raised two daughters; and

Whereas George Fenton Jr. worked as a teacher, coach and administrator in the Pine Eagle School District and Umatilla School District; and

Whereas George Fenton Jr. retired as the Umatilla School District superintendent in 1996, culminating an exemplary career in education that lasted nearly four decades; and

Whereas George Fenton Jr. was active in his community as a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Lions Club International, Kiwanis International, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Phi Delta Kappa and Hermiston First United Methodist Church; and

Whereas George Fenton Jr. served on the Umatilla City Council from 1997 to 2015, including brief periods as the mayor pro tempore; and

Whereas George Fenton Jr. enjoyed an active outdoor life, especially fishing and hunting in the Wallowa Mountains; and

Whereas George Fenton Jr. loved spending time with his family, working on antique cars, collecting coins, photography and gardening; and

Whereas George Fenton Jr. passed away on November 21, 2019; and

Whereas George Fenton Jr. was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Joyce, his parents and his five siblings; and

Whereas George Fenton Jr. was survived by his daughters, Jonnie and Kristle, two grandsons and many nieces, nephews and cousins; and

Whereas George Fenton Jr. will be forever remembered as a dedicated educator and a gentleman statesman who touched countless lives and made his community a better place; now, therefore,

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

That we, the members of the Eighty-first Legislative Assembly, celebrate the life and accomplishments of George Ira Fenton Jr., and we recognize and honor his contributions to the people of this state; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution shall be presented to the family of George Fenton Jr. as an expression of our sympathy and condolences.

Adopted by House April 28, 2021

Timothy G. Sekerak, Chief Clerk of House

Tina Kotek, Speaker of House

Adopted by Senate June 10, 2021

Peter Courtney, President of Senate