On page 1 of the printed joint memorial, delete lines 6 through 27 and insert:

“Whereas 2020 was a year of unprecedented wildfires throughout the western United States, including in Oregon; and

“Whereas the 2020 Oregon wildfire season was the most destructive season on record; and

“Whereas Oregon wildfires killed at least 11 people, burned more than 1 million acres and destroyed thousands of homes; and

“Whereas the pattern and magnitude of wildfire-induced destruction in Oregon was repeated in California and throughout the western United States, where a total of more than 6 million acres have burned; and

“Whereas backlogs in adequate forest management coupled with drier, hotter conditions, have resulted in unhealthy, overly dense forests; and

“Whereas when fires inevitably occur, current forest conditions result in larger, more catastrophic fires that are difficult to control, destructive to both urban and rural communities and pose great threats to both private property and human life; and

“Whereas the bipartisan Emergency Wildlife and Public Safety Act of 2020 (S.4431) was introduced in the United States Senate to begin to address the catastrophic wildfire conditions that persist in Oregon and other western states; and

“Whereas the Emergency Wildfire and Public Safety Act of 2020 was the result of over one year of extensive deliberation, stakeholder engagement and outreach across party lines to ensure a bipartisan, pragmatic approach to reduce the risk of wildfire; and

“Whereas enactment of federal legislation based on the Emergency Wildfire and Public Safety Act of 2020 will provide federal agencies with new tools to reduce hazardous fuels, protect communities, support forestry jobs, biomass development and smarter energy practices; now, therefore,”.

Delete lines 29 through 32 and delete page 2 and insert:

“That we, the members of the Eighty-first Legislative Assembly, urge the Congress of the United States to introduce and pass, and the President of the United States to sign, legislation based on the Emergency Wildfire and Public Safety Act of 2020; and be it further

“Resolved, That a copy of this memorial shall be sent to the President of the United States, to the Senate Majority Leader, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and to each member of the Oregon Congressional Delegation.”.