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Senate Concurrent Resolution 18

Sponsored by Senator PATTERSON, Representative MOORE-GREEN

Whereas Alfreda Bales was born in Albany, Oregon, on February 28, 1940; and

Whereas Alfreda Bales grew up on a farm east of Scio, Oregon, where her father, Jerry Walter, was a farmer, and her mother, Georgia Walter, worked for the Scio School District; and

Whereas Alfreda Bales attended Mount Prospect School east of Scio in first and second grades and attended schools in Scio beginning in third grade; and

Whereas Alfreda Bales graduated from Scio High School in 1958 as class valedictorian; and

Whereas Alfreda Bales graduated from the Cliff Mann School of Floral Design in Denver, Colorado; and

Whereas Alfreda Bales started her career with the State of Oregon in March 1959, working for the State Tax Commission, which later became the Department of Revenue; and

Whereas Alfreda Bales met her husband, Ronald Bales, when both were employees of the State Tax Commission, and they were married for 49 years before he passed away in 2016; and

Whereas Alfreda Bales' older son, Dwight, is a pastor at Bethel Baptist Church in Aumsville, Oregon, and her younger son, Duane, works for the Department of Revenue; and

Whereas Alfreda Bales has three grandchildren: Hannah Wakefield, Lydia Bales and Sarah Bales; and

Whereas during Alfreda Bales' career at the Department of Revenue, she has served as a clerk typist and key punch operator, and she currently serves as a data control technician; and

Whereas Alfreda Bales has received numerous service awards from the Department of Revenue; and

Whereas Alfreda Bales was a member and president of the Salem, Oregon, chapter of the Rotana Club, a service organization for business and professional women, and she also served as the national Rotana Club president; and

Whereas Alfreda Bales was chairperson of the Mothers' Club at Aumsville Elementary School; and

Whereas Alfreda Bales remains active in Bethel Baptist Church in Aumsville, spends time helping her grandchildren and children and does what she can to support charitable organizations; and

Whereas Alfreda Bales is known for her incredible work ethic; and

Whereas Alfreda Bales lives by the motto "you work until you're tired, and then you work until you're rested again," something she learned from her mother; and

Whereas Alfreda Bales has served the people of the State of Oregon for more than 60 years; and

Whereas Alfreda Bales is the longest-serving State of Oregon employee in history; now, therefore,

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

That we, the members of the Eighty-first Legislative Assembly, recognize and honor Alfreda Bales for her remarkable life and career, and we express our gratitude for her contributions to the Department of Revenue and the State of Oregon.

Adopted by Senate April 5, 2021

Lori L. Brocker, Secretary of Senate

Peter Courtney, President of Senate

Adopted by House May 25, 2021

Tina Kotek, Speaker of House