

1 fraud, overhauled public records procedures, protected Oregonians with tough audits into wasteful
2 spending and poorly run programs and oversaw Oregon’s first vote-by-mail election; and

3 Whereas Norma Paulus was the Republican candidate for Governor in 1986, but she narrowly
4 lost the general election; and

5 Whereas Norma Paulus served on the Northwest Power and Conservation Council from 1987 to
6 1989; and

7 Whereas Norma Paulus was appointed Superintendent of Public Instruction in 1990, and she was
8 subsequently elected to two full terms, becoming the first woman in Oregon to hold that office; and

9 Whereas during her tenure as superintendent, Norma Paulus worked tirelessly on behalf of
10 Oregon’s children and families, earning national recognition for revamping Oregon’s educational
11 system and implementing groundbreaking performance standards and assessment measures; and

12 Whereas after leaving elective office, Norma Paulus remained very active in civic life, serving
13 as executive director of the Oregon Historical Society as well as on the boards of the Oregon State
14 Capitol Foundation, the High Desert Museum, the Oregon Coast Aquarium, the Oregon Garden and
15 the City Club of Portland; and

16 Whereas Norma Paulus received a Distinguished Service Award from the University of Oregon
17 and honorary degrees from Willamette University, Lewis & Clark College, Whitman College and
18 Linfield University; and

19 Whereas Norma Paulus brought intelligence, integrity, hard work and common sense to every
20 position she held; and

21 Whereas Norma Paulus’ decades of public service were a defining era in Oregon history, and
22 she helped lead this state through a period of tremendous social change, growth and economic
23 revitalization; and

24 Whereas Norma Paulus faced the obstacles in her life with unstinting determination, courage
25 and dignity; and

26 Whereas Norma Paulus made history and she always made a positive difference, embodying with
27 her exceptional life story the motto of the State of Oregon: “she flies with her own wings”; and

28 Whereas Norma Paulus passed away on February 28, 2019; and

29 Whereas Norma Paulus will be forever remembered as a pioneering and visionary leader whose
30 career of dedicated public service touched the lives of so many and left an indelible imprint on the
31 State of Oregon; now, therefore,

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

33 That we, the members of the Eighty-first Legislative Assembly, honor and celebrate the re-
34 markable life and historic accomplishments of Norma Jean Paulus, and we express our gratitude for
35 her contributions to the people of this state; and be it further

36 Resolved, That a copy of this resolution shall be presented to the family of Norma Paulus as
37 an expression of our sympathy and condolences.