

House Concurrent Resolution 22

Sponsored by Representative RUIZ

SUMMARY

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Recognizes and honors Jim Card for his service and contributions to people of Oregon.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Whereas Jim Card has spent a lifetime in the service of nature, with a 40-year career as a landscaper and horticulturist dedicated to preserving beauty and balance in the natural world; and

Whereas in 2011, Jim Card came out of retirement to begin the arduous process of restoring Gresham's beloved Japanese Garden, Tsuru Island, to its former glory, developing a master plan to reverse erosion, overgrowth and years of neglect; and

Whereas in 2013, Jim Card was appointed as Director of Tsuru Island, leading an army of volunteers in revitalizing the garden into an expansive oasis of broadleaf evergreens, pruned pines, vivid azaleas and lush, springy groundcover; and

Whereas Jim Card has been a tireless caretaker for Tsuru Island, spending many spring and summer days creating scenes of serenity for Oregonians looking for an escape from the hustle and bustle of daily life; and

Whereas Jim Card's efforts to restore Tsuru Island and develop the adjoining Ebetsu Plaza have transformed Gresham's Main City Park into a public gathering place, a popular event venue and an unforgettable destination for visitors from within and without the city of Gresham and the state of Oregon; and

Whereas Jim Card gives tirelessly of his time, leading gardening and landscaping workshops, participating in public question and answer forums and developing a series of educational videos and social media posts to help Oregonians become more knowledgeable gardeners; and

Whereas Jim Card is not only a volunteer, but also a caring, endlessly optimistic source of wisdom whose labors have improved the lives of countless Oregonians; now, therefore,

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

That we, the members of the Eighty-second Legislative Assembly, recognize and honor Jim Card for his remarkable lifetime of service and his contributions to the community of Gresham and to all the people of the State of Oregon.

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