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House Concurrent Resolution 12

Sponsored by Representative HELM; Senator SMITH DB

Whereas Frank Moore was born on January 30, 1923, in Carlton, Oregon; and

Whereas Frank Moore's father instilled in him a love of fishing and introduced him to the North Umpqua River at a young age; and

Whereas Frank Moore graduated from Canby Union High School in 1941; and

Whereas after high school, Frank Moore fell in love with Jeanne Maes and they were married on January 1, 1943; and

Whereas Frank Moore served his country with honor and great distinction in the United States Army infantry during World War II; and

Whereas Frank Moore was decorated for his bravery and leadership in combat during the D-Day amphibious assault on Normandy, the subsequent campaign across France and the Battle of the Bulge; and

Whereas after the war, Frank and Jeanne Moore settled in Roseburg, Oregon, where they purchased and ran Moore's Cafe; and

Whereas Frank Moore spent much of his free time fishing and guiding for Clarence Gordon's North Umpqua Lodge in Steamboat, Oregon; and

Whereas in 1957, Frank and Jeanne Moore purchased the small Steamboat Store and developed it into the Steamboat Inn, which quickly became famous around the world; and

Whereas the Steamboat Inn hosted movie stars, government leaders, professional athletes and people from all walks of life, most of whom came to learn or improve their fly-fishing with Frank Moore; and

Whereas Frank Moore was a legendary angler and guide, and steelhead fishing with him meant observing a master at his craft; and

Whereas the opportunity to fish with Frank Moore was a once-in-a-lifetime treat for many, but truly fortunate were those who were privileged to go angling with him on a regular basis; and

Whereas Frank Moore was an ardent conservationist who rolled up his sleeves and did the hard work, and he believed that people could be brought together to protect the environment for future generations; and

Whereas Frank Moore had the rare ability to transcend divisiveness and encourage people to work together to solve problems; and

Whereas Frank Moore made it his personal mission to protect the North Umpqua River and its tributary streams, with its magnificent run of wild steelhead; and

Whereas Frank Moore inspired the award-winning documentary film "Pass Creek," which paved the way for better logging practices and watershed protections to support wild salmon and steelhead; and

Whereas Frank Moore regularly met with legislative and Congressional leaders, playing a key role in the passage of state and federal laws that forever changed road-building and logging practices in many watersheds; and

Whereas Frank Moore showed many in the conservation community that the little guy can take a stand and win; and

Whereas Frank Moore lent his leadership and expertise to many nonprofit and governmental entities, including a stint serving on the State Fish and Wildlife Commission at the request of Governor Tom McCall; and

Whereas Frank Moore invited Governor McCall to the Steamboat Inn, where McCall caught his first steelhead on the fly; and

Whereas Frank and Jeanne Moore sold the Steamboat Inn in 1975, but they remained a fixture in their community; and

Whereas the couple's legacy as stewards and advocates for their beloved river was cemented in 2019 with the establishment of the Frank and Jeanne Moore Wild Steelhead Sanctuary, which enhanced protections for nearly 100,000 acres of the North Umpqua watershed; and

Whereas Frank Moore received numerous honors for his angling prowess and conservation work, including induction into the Fresh Water Fishing Hall of Fame and lifetime achievement awards from Fly Fishers International, the Izaak Walton League of America, the National Audubon Society and the National Wildlife Federation, among others; and

Whereas Frank Moore was a state champion baritone in high school, and later in life he mesmerized many Douglas County audiences with his solo performances in productions of Handel's "Messiah"; and

Whereas Frank Moore seemed larger than life to many who knew him, but he was always humble and gracious, often willing to give credit to others for his accomplishments; and

Whereas Frank Moore's passion and commitment were infectious, and he befriended, inspired and mentored countless others throughout his long and remarkable life; and

Whereas Frank Moore devoted his life to his family, his country, his state and his river; and

Whereas one week shy of his 99th birthday, Frank Moore passed away on January 23, 2022, surrounded by his loved ones; and

Whereas Frank Moore was survived by Jeanne, his wife of 79 years, their sons, Frank and Dennis, their daughter, Colleen, eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren; and

Whereas Frank Moore will be forever remembered as a legendary angler and a tireless and visionary conservationist whose career touched countless lives and forever changed the landscape of the North Umpqua watershed and the State of Oregon; now, therefore,

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

That we, the members of the Eighty-second Legislative Assembly, honor and celebrate the remarkable life of Frank Moore, and we express our gratitude for his service to the people of the State of Oregon; and be it further

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

Adopted by House February 2, 2023

Timothy G. Sekerak, Chief Clerk of House

Dan Rayfield, Speaker of House

Adopted by Senate March 1, 2023

Rob Wagner, President of Senate