House Concurrent Resolution 19

Sponsored by Representative HELFRICH

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced.**

Recognizes and honors Sheriff Michael "Mike" Reese for his service to his nation, state and community.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Whereas Sheriff Michael "Mike" Reese grew up in Portland, Oregon, where he attended Roosevelt High School in North Portland; and

Whereas Sheriff Reese attended Mt. Hood Community College and graduated from Portland State University with both a Bachelor of Science in Psychology and an Executive Master of Public Administration; and

Whereas in 1989, Sheriff Reese joined the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office, where he served as a deputy sheriff and was a member of the acclaimed safety action team; and

Whereas in 1994, Sheriff Reese was transferred to the Portland Police Bureau as part of the annexations of east Portland, where he rose through the ranks over a long and fruitful career before finally being appointed Chief of Police by Mayor Sam Adams in 2010; and

Whereas Sheriff Reese's term as police chief was one of the longest and most fruitful in Portland history, and in the role he demonstrated his commitment to building public trust, improving county-wide safety, addressing racial and ethnic disparities, and working with community partners to reduce gang and gun-related violence, drug addiction, homelessness and the unjust incarceration of persons with mental illnesses; and

Whereas Sheriff Reese's devotion to the people of Multnomah County didn't stop when the work day ended, and he also served as a member of public-serving nonprofits including Transition Projects, the Local Public Safety Coordinating Council and the Boys and Girls Club; and

Whereas in January 2015, Sheriff Reese retired from law enforcement, capping an illustrious 25-year career served with honor, distinction and dedication to the safety of the people of Multnomah County; and

Whereas a year after retiring, Sheriff Reese continued to offer his leadership and expertise to the people of Multnomah County, serving as interim director of the Citizens Crime Commission, a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping citizens reduce crime, improve civility and strengthen communities throughout Portland; and

Whereas Sheriff Reese's retirement from law enforcement proved to be short lived, and in May 2016, he went back to where it all started, taking on an appointment to the role of Interim Sheriff at the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office; and

Whereas two years after being sworn in as Interim Sheriff, Sheriff Reese won more than 96 percent of the vote in the 2018 sheriff's election, proving he had earned the respect, trust and ad-

Whereas during Sheriff Reese's tenure, he demonstrated a tireless commitment to the people of Multnomah County, treating them with dignity and respect and instilling in his officers and deputies a culture of safety, trust and open communication; and

Whereas Sheriff Reese's vision and leadership greatly enhanced the efficiency and quality of law enforcement in Multnomah County, improving the safety of everyone in the community he loved and knew so well; and

Whereas Sheriff Reese retired from the role of Sheriff of Multnomah County in 2022, and has more than earned the opportunity to slow down and spend more time with his beloved wife, Cindy, and daughters Alexandra, Rachel and Rebecca; and

Whereas in a remarkable law enforcement career that lasted more than 30 years, Sheriff Reese served the people of Multnomah County and the State of Oregon with consummate integrity and professionalism; now, therefore,

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

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17 18 That we, the members of the Eighty-second Legislative Assembly, recognize and honor Sheriff Michael "Mike" Reese for his service to his nation, state and community, and wish him well in his retirement.

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