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House Concurrent Resolution 25

Sponsored by Representatives RESCHKE, MCINTIRE, Senator WOODS; Representatives HUDSON, LEVY E, LIVELY, MANNIX, Senator LINTHICUM (at the request of Oregon Institute of Technology)

Whereas after World War II, veterans returning home needed access to employment opportunities and vocational rehabilitation; and

Whereas Oregon Vocational School's first classes were held on July 15, 1947, in a deactivated Marine Corps hospital three miles northeast of Klamath Falls, under the direction of the university's first president, Winston Purvine; and

Whereas on December 21, 1948, the State Board of Education voted to change the university's name to Oregon Technical Institute, and it was also known as Oregon Tech; and

Whereas Oregon Tech's early curriculum included classes in automotive repair, baking and commercial cooking, gun-smithing, clock and watch repair, refrigeration servicing, and many others; and

Whereas in 1964, Oregon Tech moved to its newly constructed campus on a geothermal site overlooking Upper Klamath Lake, beginning a decades-long commitment to resource preservation and renewable energy; and

Whereas in 1966, Oregon Tech received authorization to grant bachelor's degrees and awarded its first, a Bachelor of Technology in Engineering Technology; and

Whereas in 1973, Oregon Technical Institute was renamed Oregon Institute of Technology, but the "Oregon Tech" moniker remains in use to this day; and

Whereas from its original campuses in Klamath Falls, Oregon Tech has expanded its education and innovation programs to locations throughout Oregon and beyond, including the Portland-Metro campus in Wilsonville, a Dental Hygiene educational site and clinic in Salem, the Oregon Manufacturing and Innovation Center in Scappoose, the Boeing Company in Seattle, and even further via online programs; and

Whereas Oregon Tech now offers nearly 50 industry-focused undergraduate and graduate degree programs in the areas of engineering, technology, health, business, applied arts and sciences and related fields; and

Whereas Oregon Tech partners with high schools throughout Oregon to provide opportunities for students to earn college credit while in high school; and

Whereas Oregon Tech is home to the Oregon Renewable Energy Center, an applied research center created by the Legislative Assembly that promotes energy conservation and renewable energy use in Oregon and throughout the Pacific Northwest through applied research, educational programs and practical information, setting a foundation for a sustainable economy, good jobs and economic prosperity; and

Whereas Oregon Tech is committed to its mission to foster student and graduate success by providing a hands-on, project-based learning environment with faculty focused on innovation, scholarship and applied research; and

Whereas Oregon Tech champions diversity and leadership development by offering statewide educational opportunities and technical expertise to meet the current and emerging needs of Oregonians, as well as national and international constituents; and

Whereas Oregon Tech recognizes emerging workforce needs and partners with business and industry to train the next generation of leaders through unique bachelor's and graduate degrees in

allied health and health science fields, preparing students for the complexity of the healthcare delivery landscape; and

Whereas Oregon Tech actively supports and rewards innovation and entrepreneurship through university events and competitions such as IdeaFest, Catalyze Klamath, and Ready, Set, Innovate; and

Whereas Oregon Tech proudly serves veterans, military-affiliated students, and members of the military community throughout Oregon and the United States; and

Whereas Oregon Tech has consistently ranked number one for return on investment for students enrolled in four-year colleges and universities in Oregon, with graduates making the highest earnings in this state relative to investment by students and families; and

Whereas Oregon Tech officially celebrates 75 years of service to Oregon through applied research and hands-on learning on July 14, 2023; now, therefore,

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

That we, the members of the Eighty-second Legislative Assembly, commemorate the 75th anniversary of Oregon Institute of Technology and congratulate Oregon Tech, the more than 20,000 Oregon Tech alumni and all Oregonians on this significant public milestone of service, leadership and contributions to the State of Oregon. Go Owls!

Adopted by House March 16, 2023

Timothy G. Sekerak, Chief Clerk of House

Dan Rayfield, Speaker of House

Adopted by Senate June 15, 2023

Rob Wagner, President of Senate