

House Concurrent Resolution 5

Sponsored by Representative REYNOLDS, Senator STEINER (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

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In memoriam: James Alan "Jim" Meyer (1936-2021).

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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2 Whereas when civic leader and philanthropist James Alan "Jim" Meyer died on October 23,
3 2021, Oregon lost a quiet giant; and

4 Whereas Jim Meyer left an indelible imprint on the state he loved; and

5 Whereas Jim Meyer led a life of leadership, service and dedication to the most vulnerable pop-
6 ulations; and

7 Whereas people across the City of Portland and the State of Oregon regularly sought Jim Meyer
8 out for his counsel in moments of complexity and asked for his help in navigating important deci-
9 sions; and

10 Whereas Jim Meyer was a trusted advisor to generations of leaders in Portland and Oregon; and

11 Whereas Jim Meyer served and gave with no expectation of reward or recognition, purely be-
12 cause he saw the need and felt a sense of duty; and

13 Whereas Jim Meyer was both a pillar of his community and a *mensch*; and

14 Whereas Jim Meyer was born on March 29, 1936, in Boston, Massachusetts, and he had just
15 graduated from Harvard Business School in 1960 when he was offered a job with a Portland home-
16 building company; and

17 Whereas despite knowing only a little about Portland, Jim Meyer accepted the job, and he and
18 his wife Lora moved to the city with the intention of staying a year or two before settling back
19 home in Boston, but those two years stretched to six decades; and

20 Whereas Jim Meyer came to center his life on two foundations: his loving family and improving
21 lives and creating opportunities in Portland and Oregon; and

22 Whereas Jim Meyer was a tireless problem solver and ardent supporter of Portland's civic or-
23 ganizations, community causes and cultural institutions, always quietly seeking ways to help its
24 most vulnerable populations; and

25 Whereas Jim Meyer touched a wide range of public issues and causes, serving over many dec-
26 ades on the boards of the Oregon Community Foundation, Portland Public Schools Foundation (now
27 All Hands Raised), Northwest Health Foundation and United Way, among others; and

28 Whereas Jim Meyer was a founding board member of the Portland Parks Foundation and he
29 served the city and state in myriad ways, sitting on Portland's Civil Service Board and Charter
30 Commission as well as Oregon's Higher Education Coordinating Commission; and

31 Whereas Jim Meyer served Portland's Jewish community for more than five decades, providing
32 leadership and mentorship, including a term as president of the Jewish Federation of Greater

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1 Portland, which he served in various capacities over many years; and

2 Whereas seeing the need to ensure the long-term financial viability of the institutions serving
3 the Jewish community, Jim Meyer helped found the Oregon Jewish Community Foundation, serving
4 as its second president; and

5 Whereas Jim Meyer came to love Oregon’s outdoors, climbing Mt. Hood, fishing the Deschutes
6 River and rafting the John Day River; and

7 Whereas Jim Meyer was a longtime runner, long before high-tech running shoes, and he loved
8 rooting for his sons at their Lincoln High School track and cross-country meets and later cheering
9 for his grandchildren during their big moments; and

10 Whereas Jim Meyer was a lover of Oregon wine and an early Portland Trail Blazers season
11 ticket holder, and he delighted in evenings with Lora at the Oregon Symphony, Literary Arts and
12 Chamber Music Northwest; and

13 Whereas more than anything, Jim Meyer loved the weekly Shabbat dinners he and Lora shared
14 with family and friends, as well as getting away with Lora, his three children and their spouses and
15 their eight grandchildren to Sunriver and the Oregon coast, where Jim relished watching the waves
16 roll in and out; and

17 Whereas Jim Meyer was a rock for his family and he is survived by his wife, Lora; his children
18 and their spouses, Mark and Marcia Meyer, Tom and Shawn Fields-Meyer and Richard and Erika
19 Meyer; his brother and sister-in-law, Les Meyer and Marie Dalton-Meyer; and eight grandchildren;
20 and

21 Whereas a loving memorial to Jim Meyer was held on October 25, 2021, at Congregation Neveh
22 Shalom in Portland; now, therefore,

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

24 That we, the members of the Eighty-second Legislative Assembly, recognize and honor James
25 Alan “Jim” Meyer for his lifetime of leadership, service and dedication to the most vulnerable pop-
26 ulations in Portland, in Oregon and beyond.

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