Whereas Curtis Frederick “Curt” Benefiel was born on May 28, 1926, in Forest Grove, Oregon, to Oscar and Luzell Benefiel; and
Whereas Curt Benefiel grew up in Willamina, Oregon, where he met Eva McBee, his future wife, when they were both in grade school; and
Whereas Curt Benefiel served his country with honor and distinction in the United States Navy; and
Whereas Curt Benefiel graduated from Linfield College and began a lifelong journey in education; and
Whereas Curt and Eva Benefiel enjoyed the adventure of traveling and teaching in new places that were interesting to them, including Guam and rural districts all over Oregon; and
Whereas Curt Benefiel was a wonderful teacher, coach, bus driver, counselor, principal and superintendent; and
Whereas Curt Benefiel was a role model for thousands of students; and
Whereas Curt Benefiel loved University of Oregon Ducks athletics, playing dominoes and pool, hunting and fishing; and
Whereas Curt Benefiel was a caring and compassionate man with a competitive spirit; and
Whereas Curt Benefiel had a huge zest for life and loved spending time with his large family; and
Whereas Curt Benefiel died on June 16, 2015, at his home in Stayton, Oregon, surrounded by loved ones; and
Whereas Curt Benefiel was preceded in death by his parents and his two brothers, Kearney and Ben; and
Whereas Curt Benefiel was followed in death by Eva, his beloved wife of 66 years, and his daughter Anita; and
Whereas Curt and Eva Benefiel are survived by their children, Annie, Kelly and Rex, as well as numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews; and
Whereas Curt Benefiel will be forever remembered as a dedicated educator who touched countless lives and made his community a better place; now, therefore,

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

That we, the members of the Eighty-second Legislative Assembly, celebrate the life and accomplishments of Curtis Frederick “Curt” Benefiel, and we recognize and honor his contributions to the people of this state; and be it further
Resolved, That a copy of this resolution shall be presented to the family of Curt Benefiel as an expression of our sympathy and condolences.