

Senate Concurrent Resolution 12

Sponsored by Senator GIROD

SUMMARY

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Commends first responders for their heroic actions in fighting Santiam Fire.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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2 Whereas on August 16, 2020, thunderstorms moved across the State of Oregon and lightning
3 ignited multiple wildfires, including the Beachie Creek Fire, the Lionshead Fire and the P-515 Fire;
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5 Whereas on September 7, powerful winds caused these wildfires to explode in size and merge
6 into the Santiam Fire, a situation exacerbated by multiple spot fires caused by downed power lines;
7 and

8 Whereas in the early morning hours of September 8, the Santiam Fire raced westward down the
9 Santiam Canyon, quickly endangering many communities; and

10 Whereas residents of the Santiam Canyon were urgently evacuated in the face of the cat-
11 astrophic and unpredictable wind-whipped wildfire; and

12 Whereas confronting the possibility of massive property destruction and loss of lives, firefighters
13 and other first responders desperately fought to save the communities of the Santiam Canyon; and

14 Whereas the Santiam Fire was ultimately one of the most destructive wildfires in the history
15 of the State of Oregon, but countless lives, structures and jobs were saved by the courage and
16 resourcefulness of first responders in the face of unimaginable adversity; and

17 Whereas many of the first responders who battled the Santiam Fire were volunteers who signed
18 on for this work to help the people they care about while giving back to the places they call home;
19 and

20 Whereas when their communities needed them most, these first responders stood strong; and

21 Whereas the public and private entities that responded to the Santiam Fire include the State
22 Forestry Department, the State Fire Marshal, Marion County, Linn County, Santiam Hospital's am-
23 bulance service, the American Red Cross and fire departments and first responders from Idanha,
24 Detroit, Lyons, Mill City, Gates, Stayton, Sweet Home, Aumsville, Scio, Drakes Crossing, Silverton,
25 Mt. Angel, Sublimity, Albany, Salem, Turner, Keizer, Jefferson, Woodburn, Hubbard and Lebanon;
26 and

27 Whereas in the aftermath of the wildfire, Santiam Canyon residents have made great progress
28 with rebuilding efforts in their communities, many of which suffered horrific destruction; now,
29 therefore,

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

31 That we, the members of the Eighty-second Legislative Assembly, recognize and honor the
32 actions of the first responders who battled the Santiam Fire and saved many lives; and be it further

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1 Resolved, That we express our gratitude to all the public and private entities and first
2 responders who fought the Santiam Fire with heroism and great determination.
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