Senate Concurrent Resolution 204

Sponsored by Senators WAGNER, GOLDEN; Senator JAMA (Presession filed.)

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. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: Honors the life and memory of Bill Bradbury. (Flesch Readability Score: 61.2).
In memoriam: Bill Bradbury, 1949-2023.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Whereas Bill Bradbury was born on May 29, 1949, in Chicago, Illinois, to William and Lorraine Bradbury; and
Whereas Bill Bradbury moved to Oregon in 1969, where he worked in the news media in Bandon, Eugene and Portland; and
Whereas Bill Bradbury's political career began when he was elected to the Oregon Legislative Assembly in 1980; and
Whereas Bill Bradbury served as a member of the House of Representatives from 1981 to 1984 and as a member of the Senate from 1985 to 1995; and
Whereas Bill Bradbury was elected Senate President in 1993; and
Whereas Bill Bradbury retired from the Legislative Assembly in 1995 to fight the shrinking of salmon populations with the organization For the Sake of Salmon; and
Whereas Bill Bradbury, known then as “Mr. Fish,” served as director of For the Sake of Salmon until 1999; and
Whereas in 1999, Bill Bradbury was appointed Oregon's 23rd Secretary of State by Governor John Kitzhaber; and
Whereas Bill Bradbury served as Secretary of State for a decade, with a sharp focus on improving Oregon's voting systems and establishing more transparent campaign practices; and
Whereas Bill Bradbury was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in 1981 and managed the disease through more than four decades of rigorous public service with unflagging enthusiasm and gratitude; and
Whereas Bill Bradbury ran for Governor in 2010 with a series of witty campaign ads highlighting his condition instead of hiding it; and
Whereas Bill Bradbury's efforts to improve the lives of Oregonians led to the creation of Oregon’s statewide vote-by-mail system, the first in the country providing voters with easier access to voting, increased transparency and renewed faith that their votes mattered; and
Whereas Bill Bradbury also helped establish ORESTAR, Oregon's online political campaign contributions system, which makes campaign finance information easily accessible by the public; and
Whereas Bill Bradbury was a fierce champion for the environment, advocating for the preservation of watersheds and wildlife habitats, giving lectures on climate change at Oregon high schools and colleges, and serving on the Northwest Power and Conservation Council from 2010 to 2017; and

NOTE: Matter in boldfaced type in an amended section is new; matter [italic and bracketed] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in boldfaced type.

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Whereas Bill Bradbury died on April 14, 2023, while enjoying a six-month cruise around the
world with his wife of 36 years, Katy Eymann; and
Whereas Bill Bradbury faced all of life's challenges with hope, resilience and relentless optimism; and
Whereas Bill Bradbury leaves behind a legacy that will endure for generations to come; 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 Bill Bradbury, 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 Bill Bradbury as an expression of our great appreciation for his remarkable life of service to the State of Oregon.