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Senate Concurrent Resolution 211

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Including Senate Amendments dated February 21

Sponsored by Senators Wagner, Gelser, Blouin, Representative Boshart Davis; Senators Frederick, Girod, Jama, Knopp, Manning Jr, Prozanski, Representatives Cate, Diehl, Mannix, Nelson, Pham K (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. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: Remembers the life of Steve Druckenmiller and honors him in his death. (Flesch Readability Score: 67.7).

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Whereas Steve Druckenmiller was born on February 20, 1950, in Hollywood, California; and
Whereas Steve Druckenmiller moved with his family to the East Coast when he was young, and he earned a bachelor's degree in government and a law degree from Suffolk University in Boston, Massachusetts; and
Whereas Steve Druckenmiller's first job in county elections was with the Linn County Clerk's Office in 1983; and
Whereas inspired and encouraged by his mentor, former County Clerk Del Riley, who pioneered vote-by-mail in Oregon, Steve Druckenmiller constantly refined the system during his years in office and would gladly take anyone who had questions on a personal tour of his private office, explaining every detail of the vote-by-mail process; and
Whereas Steve Druckenmiller's openness and integrity turned even the staunchest vote-by-mail skeptics into supporters; and
Whereas Steve Druckenmiller supported any measure that made it easier for people to register and vote while still maintaining the integrity of elections; and
Whereas Steve Druckenmiller was proud to have overseen 141 vote-by-mail elections and 28 poll elections during his career; and
Whereas Steve Druckenmiller's office doubled as a political museum, with election signs, newspaper clippings and hundreds of campaign buttons for visitors to enjoy; and
Whereas Steve Druckenmiller was first elected Linn County Clerk in 1986, and he was the second longest-serving elected official in Linn County history, serving 37 years as clerk and 40 years in total; and
Whereas to the residents of Linn County, Steve Druckenmiller was a dedicated public servant who, across nearly 40 years as county clerk, refined vote-by-mail into an art form, and was the trusted keeper of thousands of official records, from marriage certificates to property deeds; and
Whereas to his fellow elected officials, department heads and everyone who worked with him,
Steve Druckenmiller was a wise confidant, an intelligent and exacting man, and a mentor who kept a steady hand not only on the tiller of his office but on the operation and reputation of county government as a whole; and

Whereas Steve Druckenmiller was extremely proud of the meticulous care he and all of his staff took in running fair and secure elections; and

Whereas to his children and grandchildren, Steve Druckenmiller was a dad and grandfather who, when he took off his sport coat and tie at the end of the work day, enjoyed singing, telling jokes and tossing a baseball around the backyard with them; and

Whereas Steve Druckenmiller loved the people of Linn County and was deeply honored that they entrusted him to conduct elections for so long; and

Whereas Steve Druckenmiller died on Sunday, September 24, 2023, after a six-month battle with cancer; and

Whereas to his grown children, Steve Druckenmiller is best remembered as a dad who loved holidays, surprising people with special gifts, playing baseball, visiting Oregon’s Enchanted Forest theme park and watching Marx Brothers comedies; and

Whereas Steve Druckenmiller was a kind, loving and generous father who approached adversity with humor and courage and passed that resilience on to his children; and

Whereas Steve Druckenmiller is survived by his daughter, Jenny Druckenmiller, her husband, Maren Peasley, and their children, Steven, Wyatt, Gideon and Noryne; his son, John Peter Altgeld Druckenmiller, and his wife, Simonne; and his sisters, Jackie Kingsley and Joanie Korman; 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 Steve Druckenmiller, 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 Steve Druckenmiller as an expression of our sympathy and condolences.