

# Senate Concurrent Resolution 211

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

In memoriam: Steve Druckenmiller, 1950-2023.

## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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Whereas Steve Druckenmiller was born on February 20, 1950, in Hollywood, California; and

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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

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Whereas Steve Druckenmiller's first job in county elections was with the Linn County Clerk's Office in 1983; and

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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

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Whereas Steve Druckenmiller's openness and integrity turned even the staunchest vote-by-mail skeptics into supporters; and

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Whereas Steve Druckenmiller supported any measure that made it easier for people to register and vote while still maintaining the integrity of elections; and

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Whereas Steve Druckenmiller was proud to have overseen 141 vote-by-mail elections and 28 poll elections during his career; and

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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

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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 44 years total; and

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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

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Whereas to his fellow elected officials, department heads and everyone who worked with him,

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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

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**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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

15       Whereas Steve Druckenmiller is survived by his daughter, Jenny Druckenmiller, her husband,  
16 Maren Peasley, and their children, Steven, Wyatt, Gideon and Noryne; his son, John Peter Altgeld  
17 Druckenmiller, and his wife, Simonne; and his sisters, Jackie Kingsley and Joanie Korman; now,  
18 therefore,

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

20       That we, the members of the Eighty-second Legislative Assembly, celebrate the life and accom-  
21 plishments of Steve Druckenmiller, and we recognize and honor his contributions to the people of  
22 this state; and be it further

23       Resolved, That a copy of this resolution shall be presented to the family of Steve Druckenmiller  
24 as an expression of our sympathy and condolences.

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