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Senate Concurrent Resolution 18

Sponsored by Senator PATTERSON, Representative EVANS

Whereas following his election in 1998, John McArdle served as mayor of the City of Independence, Oregon, for more than 25 years; and

Whereas Mayor McArdle provided visionary leadership that shaped Independence's growth and enhanced the quality of life of its residents; and

Whereas under Mayor McArdle's steadfast leadership, Independence experienced transformative growth and progress, including the creation of the beloved Riverview Park, a treasured gathering place for community events, recreation and cultural celebrations; and

Whereas during Mayor McArdle's tenure, Independence became one of the smallest towns in the United States to win an All-America City Award; and

Whereas Mayor McArdle supported initiatives that brought additional jobs to the area, fostering economic vitality and opportunity for residents; and

Whereas Mayor McArdle played a pivotal role in the establishment of the Monmouth Independence Network (MINET), a groundbreaking municipal Internet provider that has positioned Independence as a leader in technological accessibility and connectivity; and

Whereas Mayor McArdle's collaboration and dedication to the vision of a free trolley system between the cities of Independence and Monmouth further enhanced regional connectivity and accessibility for residents and visitors alike; and

Whereas Mayor McArdle actively contributed to state and regional leadership, serving on organizations such as the League of Oregon Cities, the Oregon Mayors Association, the Oregon Homeland Security Council, the Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments board, the Ash Creek Water Control District board and many others, advancing the interests of Independence and of the region as a whole; and

Whereas as a senior fellow at the Hatfield School of Government at Portland State University, Mayor McArdle trained and mentored elected officials across Oregon, sharing his expertise and leadership skills through frequent presentations and workshops; and

Whereas in 2024, Mayor McArdle received the prestigious Mark O. Hatfield Statesmanship Award from the League of Oregon Cities, which honors exemplary service and lifetime achievements having a statewide impact; and

Whereas Mayor McArdle retired from office in December 2024; and

Whereas John McArdle will continue to serve his community, giving generously of his time and lending his vast experience and wisdom to numerous local organizations, while also serving as an elected board member of the United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee; and

Whereas throughout his long and remarkable tenure as mayor, John McArdle exemplified collaboration, innovation and a deep love for Independence, championing countless initiatives that have left a profound and lasting impact on his community and will be remembered 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-third Legislative Assembly, recognize and honor John McArdle for his extraordinary leadership and service to the City of Independence and the people of the State of Oregon.

Adopted by Senate March 4, 2025

Obadiah Rutledge, Secretary of Senate

Rob Wagner, President of Senate

Adopted by House May 14, 2025

Julie Fahey, Speaker of House