

# Senate Concurrent Resolution 7

Sponsored by Senator SOLLMAN (Presession filed.)

## SUMMARY

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Digest: Honors the life and memory of Dr. Phillip David Creighton. (Flesch Readability Score: 61.3).

In memoriam: Dr. Phillip David Creighton, 1945-2024.

## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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2       Whereas Dr. Phillip David Creighton was born on June 18, 1945, to Daniel K. Creighton and  
3 Dorothy Patterson Creighton in Irwin, Pennsylvania; and

4       Whereas Phil Creighton attended the United States Air Force Academy before transferring to  
5 Tarkio College in Missouri, where he earned his bachelor's degree in 1966; and

6       Whereas Phil Creighton received his master's and doctorate degrees from Colorado State Uni-  
7 versity in 1970 and 1974, respectively; and

8       Whereas after a teaching career at Towson State University in Maryland, Phil Creighton as-  
9 sumed the role of provost and vice president of academic affairs at Salisbury State University in  
10 Maryland; and

11       Whereas in 1999, Phil Creighton became president at Eastern Oregon University in La Grande,  
12 Oregon, serving in that role until 2003; and

13       Whereas Phil Creighton served as president of Pacific University in Forest Grove, Oregon, from  
14 2003 to 2009; and

15       Whereas during his remarkable tenure at Pacific, Phil Creighton oversaw a period of growth  
16 that transformed this institution from a small liberal arts college into one of the region's top com-  
17 prehensive universities; and

18       Whereas under Phil Creighton's leadership, six new buildings transformed Pacific's existing  
19 campus, and a new athletic complex opened in 2008, energizing team sports for the Pacific Boxers  
20 and the community; and

21       Whereas financially, Phil Creighton oversaw one of the most prosperous periods in Pacific's  
22 175-year history, turning the \$3 million deficit he inherited in 2003 into a surplus of millions of  
23 dollars by 2009; and

24       Whereas Phil Creighton was instrumental in the establishment in 2006 of the Pacific University  
25 Hillsboro Campus, which offers a wide variety of graduate and professional programs in the health  
26 professions and business; and

27       Whereas in honor of Phil Creighton's tenure at Pacific and to secure his legacy, the original  
28 building of the Hillsboro Campus was dedicated as Creighton Hall in 2009; and

29       Whereas on campus, Phil Creighton was known for his personable demeanor, and he had a  
30 knack for remembering the names and faces of just about anyone he encountered; 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.

1       Whereas Phil Creighton was fondly nicknamed “Dr. Phil,” and he was an immensely popular  
2 figure with students, colleagues, alumni and the wider Pacific community; and

3       Whereas in retirement, Phil Creighton continued to give back to Pacific by serving as president  
4 emeritus, lending his vast experience and wisdom to the university’s continuing growth and quest  
5 for excellence; and

6       Whereas Phil Creighton and his wife, Leigh, split time in retirement between their homes in  
7 Arizona and Colorado and, as avid birders, they spent many happy hours together traveling around  
8 the western United States searching for species to check off on their “life list”; and

9       Whereas on September 16, 2024, Phil Creighton passed away at his home in Colorado, with his  
10 family by his side; and

11       Whereas Phil Creighton was survived by his beloved wife, Leigh, their daughter, Natalie, their  
12 son, David, his brother, Douglas, his sister, Sally, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren;  
13 and

14       Whereas Phil Creighton loved being an educator, and he taught and mentored generations of  
15 students, making an immeasurable impact on countless lives; and

16       Whereas Phil Creighton was renowned for his integrity, work ethic, dedication and vision, which  
17 combined to make him a special person and an extraordinary educator; and

18       Whereas Phil Creighton will forever be remembered for his decades of dedicated service in  
19 higher education and the profound and lasting impact he had on his students, his community and the  
20 people of the State of Oregon; now, therefore,

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

22       That we, the members of the Eighty-third Legislative Assembly, honor and celebrate the re-  
23 markable life and achievements of Dr. Phillip David Creighton, and we express our sincere and  
24 abiding gratitude for his service to the people of this state; and be it further

25       Resolved, That a copy of this resolution shall be presented to the family of Dr. Creighton as an  
26 expression of our sympathy and condolences.

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