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Senate Concurrent Resolution 7

Ordered by the Senate February 24
Including Senate Amendments dated February 24

Sponsored by Senator SOLLMAN (Pre-session 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: 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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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