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Senate Concurrent Resolution 203

Sponsored by Senators WAGNER, FREDERICK, Representative GRAYBER, Senators GORSEK, MANNING JR, Representatives NELSON, SANCHEZ; Senators GELSER BLOUIN, GOLDEN, JAMA, PHAM K, PROZANSKI, Representatives GAMBIA, GOMBERG, ISADORE, NGUYEN D, PHAM H, WISE (at the request of Senator Lew Frederick) (Pre-session filed.)

Whereas Moses Ross was born on June 20, 1966; and

Whereas at an early age Moses Ross learned from the example of his hardworking grandparents, immigrants from Mexico to the mid-Willamette Valley, that “as parents, you do what is necessary to provide for your family and strive to ensure the American dream for your progeny and for your community”; and

Whereas Moses Ross attended schools in Utah, Wyoming and Ontario, Canada, before making his home in Portland in the late 1980s; and

Whereas in 1989 Moses Ross began working for the Lake Oswego Review, and that experience motivated him to start his own publication, a 50,000-circulation quarterly magazine for the local licensed holistic healthcare community that ran from 1990 to 1995; and

Whereas spurred on by his grandparents’ example, Moses Ross was indeed a fierce advocate for his communities of Multnomah Village and greater Southwest Portland, and was known affectionately by those for whom he fought so tirelessly as the “Mayor of Multnomah Village”; and

Whereas as President of the Multnomah Neighborhood Association, Moses Ross proudly established the first tiny pod village in Southwest Portland, providing a port in a storm for the community’s houseless population; and

Whereas Moses Ross was an engaged and accomplished small business owner, operating the nationally recognized and award winning political organizations Smart Voter Contact and PoliticalRobocalls.com; and

Whereas in 2010, the magazine Campaigns & Elections named Moses Ross and PoliticalRobocalls.com as the recipient of a prestigious Reed Award, recognizing his excellence in political campaigning; and

Whereas Moses Ross was also a repeat winner of the American Association of Political Consultants’ “Pollie” Award, honoring excellence in polling and voter engagement; and

Whereas Moses Ross was again recognized as a Reed Award winner in 2013 for Best Overall Use of a Telephone Town Hall for Washington State Representative Larry Seaquist; and

Whereas Moses Ross delivered frequent electoral wins and robust voter engagement for congressional and statewide campaigns, school board candidates, city councilors, county commissioners, state legislators, labor unions and nonprofits in Oregon and across the nation; and

Whereas Moses Ross was also deeply respected for his volunteer work within the Democratic Party of Oregon, where he cofounded the Democratic Party of Oregon Latino Caucus and served as a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 2008, 2016, 2020 and 2024; and

Whereas as a steadfast and outspoken advocate for election reform, Moses Ross served on the Multnomah County Charter Review Committee, which laid the groundwork for the successful City of Portland Honest Elections campaign (Measure 26-200), securing more than 87 percent approval from Portland voters; and

Whereas Moses Ross was committed to local news, highlighting community issues as a host of PDX Progressive Talk Radio on KBOO Community Radio and at the Willamette Falls Media Center; and

Whereas whenever there was an opportunity to fight for a cause, Moses Ross showed up, making calls, walking turf, marching in parades and working tables; and

Whereas Moses Ross always endeavored to find common ground and workable solutions for Oregon's most challenging issues, and his approach to each and every one of them was built on the foundations of equity, equality and accessibility; and

Whereas Moses Ross was remembered by Willamette Week for his effective volunteer work, his relentless positivity and kindness and his unrelenting advocacy for all those who call Portland home; and

Whereas whether running for office, taking on new community or political responsibilities, expanding his business or coordinating neighborhood projects, Moses Ross dedicated himself to making the world a better place for all; and

Whereas despite his unrelenting involvement in politics and in his communities, Moses Ross was also a dedicated single father and best friend to his cherished daughter, Emma, and he strove above all to teach her that one person truly can make a difference; and

Whereas Emma remembers her dad as a loving, nerdy, amazing, one-of-a-kind person who was "everything good"; and

Whereas Moses Ross passed away at his home in Multnomah Village at the tender age of 58 on April 23, 2025; now, therefore,

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

That we, the members of the Eighty-third Legislative Assembly, honor and celebrate the life and legacy of Moses Ross, and we recognize him as a force for good whose dedication improved the lives of many across our state; and be it further

Resolved, That we recognize Moses Ross as the honorary "Mayor Emeritus of Multnomah Village"; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution shall be presented to Emma Ross as an expression of our sympathy and condolences.

Adopted by Senate February 16, 2026

Obadiah Rutledge, Secretary of Senate

Rob Wagner, President of Senate

Adopted by House February 26, 2026

Julie Fahey, Speaker of House