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Senate Joint Resolution 8

Sponsored by Senator METSGER; Senator JOHNSON, Representatives RICHARDSON, WEIDNER, WINGARD

Whereas Wes Lematta founded Columbia Helicopters in 1957; and

Whereas Wes Lematta once saved 15 seamen from a sinking ship off Coos Bay, Oregon, an act of bravery for which he was awarded the Army Air Medal by the United States Army Corps of Engineers; and

Whereas Wes Lematta proved the feasibility of helicopter logging in 1971; and

Whereas Columbia Helicopters is recognized as the world leader in heavy-lift helicopter operations; and

Whereas Columbia Helicopters is now also engaged in servicing United States Armed Forces' helicopters; and

Whereas Columbia Helicopters has had its global headquarters located at Aurora State Airport since 1976; and

Whereas Columbia Helicopters is the largest year-round employer in the Aurora community; now, therefore,

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

That the airstrip at the Aurora State Airport be named the Wes Lematta Field at Aurora State Airport.

Adopted by Senate April 7, 2009

Secretary of Senate

President of Senate

Adopted by House May 26, 2009

Speaker of House