

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Be Adopted
Vote:	5 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Atkinson, Beyer, Burdick, Ferrioli, Rosenbaum
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	2/3

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Memorializes Mark Hatfield, 1922 – 2011.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Legacy of Mark Hatfield
- Dedication to public service
- Role as mentor for future Oregon leaders
- His emphasis on working in bipartisan, collaborative and collegial manner
- Commitment and care for Oregon's history, State Capitol and citizens

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Mark Hatfield, the longest serving United State Senator in Oregon history, died on August 7, 2011 at the age of 89. Throughout his political career, Mark Hatfield worked to diversify Oregon's economy and encouraged the growth of the high-tech industry, medical research, and the expansion of higher education. He championed the conservation of natural resources and environmental stewardship, leading to the designation of Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area as well as protection of several other wilderness areas, parks and scenic rivers. It was his opposition to the Vietnam War, however, that made Hatfield a national figure. As Governor of Oregon, he repeatedly spoke out against the war. As a Senator, Hatfield repeatedly opposed defense spending and urged the country to focus on combating world hunger, poverty and illness.

After graduating from Willamette University in 1943, Hatfield became a naval officer, commanding troops at Iwo Jima and Okinawa during World War II. Upon completion of naval service, Hatfield briefly attended Stanford University before returning to Oregon to teach at Willamette University. In 1951, Hatfield began his service to the State of Oregon after being elected to the House of Representatives. He went on to serve in the Oregon State Senate from 1955-1957 before becoming the youngest Secretary of State in Oregon history. In 1958, Hatfield was elected to his first of two terms as the Governor of Oregon, making him the youngest person to serve as the Governor of Oregon and the first two-term Oregon governor in the twentieth century. Following the conclusion of his second term as Governor, Hatfield was elected to the United States Senate, where he served for 30 years. During his tenure in the United States Senate, he came to hold the position of chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Upon his retirement, Hatfield served on Oregon Health and Science University Board of Directors, supported the financial growth of the National Institute for Health and was a guest professor at colleges throughout the state. Hatfield is survived by his wife, Antoinette, and four children: Elizabeth Hatfield-Keller of Portland, Theresa Cooney of Bethesda, Maryland, Mark Hatfield of Miami, Florida and Visko Hatfield of Bantam, Connecticut, and by several grandchildren.

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