

# Senate Concurrent Resolution 13

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## 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 **as introduced**.

In memoriam: Kenneth Allen Jernstedt, 1917-2013.

## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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2       Whereas Kenneth Allen Jernstedt was born July 20, 1917, to Fred and Mae Jernstedt in Carlton,  
3 Oregon; and

4       Whereas Kenneth Jernstedt grew up on a farm on the Yamhill River, graduating from Yamhill  
5 High School in 1935; and

6       Whereas after graduating from Linfield College in 1939, Kenneth Jernstedt enlisted with the  
7 United States Marine Air Corps, earning his Aviator Badge in 1941; and

8       Whereas at age 24 Kenneth Jernstedt volunteered for the American Volunteer Group, led by  
9 retired Air Force General Claire Lee Chennault, to assist the Chinese Nationalist Party government  
10 of the Republic of China against Japanese invasion; and

11       Whereas Kenneth Jernstedt became a squadron leader of the 1st American Volunteer Group,  
12 known as the Flying Tigers; and

13       Whereas Kenneth Jernstedt was Oregon's first ace in World War II, with a total of 10.5 "kills"  
14 to his credit; and

15       Whereas in 1942 Kenneth Jernstedt became a test pilot and tested nearly every United States  
16 fighter aircraft used in World War II; and

17       Whereas in 1946 Kenneth Jernstedt and his wife, Laura Elliot, settled in Hood River, Oregon,  
18 with their son, and soon had three daughters; and

19       Whereas Kenneth Jernstedt entered the soft drink business, operating Mid-Columbia Coca-Cola  
20 until 1968; and

21       Whereas after Laura's death in 1960, Kenneth Jernstedt married Genevieve Weder Carl in 1962  
22 and became the father to her three young children; and

23       Whereas Kenneth Jernstedt served as the mayor of Hood River from 1959 to 1961 and then was  
24 elected to the Oregon House of Representatives in 1966 and the Oregon Senate in 1968; and

25       Whereas Kenneth Jernstedt was a member of the 1977 Republican "phone booth" caucus along  
26 with such other members as Governor Victor G. Atiyeh, State Treasurer Tony Meeker, Congressman  
27 Bob Smith, Oregon Supreme Court Chief Justice Wally Carson and Senator George Wingard; and

28       Whereas Kenneth Jernstedt joined General Chennault as a charter member of the Veterans of  
29 Foreign Wars Post 1; 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 in 1996 Kenneth Jernstedt was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, becoming one  
2 of the 17 living Flying Tigers recognized by the United States government for their volunteer service  
3 during World War II; and

4       Whereas Kenneth Jernstedt passed away on February 5, 2013, at the age of 95; now, therefore,

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

6       That we, the members of the Seventy-seventh Legislative Assembly, honor Kenneth Allen  
7 Jernstedt for his life of service to the United States and the State of Oregon.

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