## **Senate Concurrent Resolution 18**

Sponsored by Senators HANSELL, GIROD; Representative GILLIAM

## 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**.

Recognizes 50th anniversary of Aurora Colony Historical Society.

1	CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
<b>2</b>	Whereas the Aurora Colony was founded as a Christian communal society in 1856 by German
3	and Swiss immigrants and first-generation Americans; and
4	Whereas Aurora was named after the daughter of the Aurora Colony's founder, Wilhelm Keil;
5	and
6	Whereas the Aurora Colony flourished in the north Willamette Valley from 1856 to 1883; and
7	Whereas in the mid-20th century, some descendants of the members of the Aurora Colony re-
8	cognized that without a concerted effort, the history and heritage of the unique Aurora Colony
9	community would be lost or unappreciated by future generations of Oregonians; and
10	Whereas in 1963, these descendants and other interested individuals formed the Aurora Colony
11	Historical Society; and
12	Whereas in the last 50 years the Aurora Colony Historical Society has worked to promote
13	interactive lifelong learning by inspiring curiosity about the heritage of the Aurora Colony through
14	management of the Old Aurora Colony Museum and supporting historical research efforts regarding
15	the Aurora Colony and the north Willamette Valley; and
16	Whereas the Aurora Colony Historical Society is celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2013; now,
17	therefore,
18	Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:
19	That we, the members of the Seventy-seventh Legislative Assembly, recognize the 50th anniver-
20	sary of the Aurora Colony Historical Society.
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