SCR 28   STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Rules

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Meeting Dates:	5/22

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Recognizes and celebrates Harold White's contributions and achievements in public service.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

BACKGROUND:

Harold White, originally from Bozeman, Montana, began his long career in public service by enlisting in the United States Air Force. Harold moved to Aumsville, Oregon in 1978 where he continued his career in public service as interim police chief of Aumsville, member of the Aumsville Park and Recreation Commission and chair of the Aumsville Planning Commission. In 1986 Harold was elected Mayor of Aumsville, an office he would retain for the next 30 years. During his time in office, Mayor White provided leadership to the residents of Aumsville by developing an award-winning visioning tool for establishing, prioritizing and driving the city's short and long-term goals, and used the tool to accomplish more than 240 projects, including upgrades to the city's water system, improvements on playgrounds and construction on a new city hall and police complex. Mayor White's leadership was essential in securing the Santiam Regional Agreement in 2000, bringing about the Chemeketa Area Regional Transportation System and helping the residents of Aumsville recover from the damage of a tornado in 2010. In addition to his civic service, Mayor White, who holds a certification in systematic theology and was ordained at the Alaska Bible Institute, has served as a nursing home chaplain for over 25 years and as an associate pastor at Bethel Baptist Church.

Harold White and his wife Bonnie have been married for 48 years, raised two children and worked together in their nursing home chaplaincy serving patients in the Willamette Valley.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 28 recognizes and celebrates the contributions and achievements Harold White has freely shared with his friends and neighbors in Oregon during the course of his 38 years of public service.