

Senate Concurrent Resolution 1

Sponsored by Senators DEVLIN, HANSELL (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

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Designates Kiger Mustang as official state horse.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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2 Whereas the State of Oregon has many official state emblems to serve as a reminder of its his-
3 tory, natural wonders and culture, including a state flag, state animal, state flower, state bird, state
4 gemstone, state fish, state fruit, state rock and state crustacean, but has not yet designated an of-
5 ficial state horse to recognize the key role horses have played in the development of Oregon; and

6 Whereas 12 states have already declared a state horse because of a breed's close connection to
7 a state and importance to its history; and

8 Whereas in the 1970s the wild Kiger Mustang was discovered in the Steens Mountain area of
9 southeastern Oregon, where it had lived isolated in remote and rocky terrain for hundreds of years,
10 and was recognized as a distinct breed of horse; and

11 Whereas although most wild horses in North America exhibit mixed traits from crossbreeding,
12 the Kiger Mustang has retained the characteristics of the Spanish-type horse and has been shown
13 through DNA analysis to be descended from those brought to the continent in the 1600s by early
14 Spanish explorers; and

15 Whereas the Kiger Mustang is a heritage breed that still possesses the primitive coloration and
16 dun factor, with many individuals displaying dorsal stripes, long bi-colored manes and tails, outlined
17 ears and zebra striping on the legs, found in the Spanish horse from the Iberian Peninsula; and

18 Whereas though highly sought by enthusiasts around the world, the Kiger Mustang is found in
19 the wild only in two herds located in the Kiger and Riddle Mountain Herd Management Areas in
20 the Bureau of Land Management Burns District; and

21 Whereas being the only breed of horse to have developed exclusively in Oregon, the Kiger
22 Mustang bears a unique relationship to this state, and therefore is of special significance; and

23 Whereas the Kiger Mustang has been featured in film and art because of its beauty and spirit;
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25 Whereas the Kiger Mustang is known for its versatility, self-sufficiency, surefootedness, intelli-
26 gence and fast learning, all fitting attributes for a symbol of Oregon; and

27 Whereas due to the deep connection these horses have with Oregon, the Kiger Mustang de-
28 serves the honor of being our state horse; now, therefore,

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

30 That the Kiger Mustang is the official horse of the State of Oregon.
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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.