

Senate Concurrent Resolution 28

Sponsored by Senator WINTERS, Representative HACK

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 Harold White's contributions and achievements in public service.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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2 Whereas Harold White was born in Bozeman, Montana, served in the United States Air Force
3 and earned his certification in systematic theology, and was ordained, at the Alaska Bible Institute;
4 and

5 Whereas Harold White moved to Aumsville, Oregon, in 1978 and resumed a career of public
6 service by becoming the interim police chief of Aumsville; and

7 Whereas Harold White served as a member of the Aumsville Park and Recreation Commission
8 for two years and as a member and chair of the Aumsville Planning Commission for two years; and

9 Whereas Harold White was first elected as mayor of Aumsville by its residents in 1986; and

10 Whereas Mayor Harold White provided leadership to residents of Aumsville through the devel-
11 opment of a comprehensive visioning document used to set priorities and steer the city in short-term
12 and long-term goal setting; and

13 Whereas Mayor Harold White received the Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments'
14 Gwen VanDenBosch Regional Leadership Award for his work on the visioning document for the City
15 of Aumsville; and

16 Whereas Mayor Harold White oversaw improvements to Aumsville's First Street, upgrades to
17 the city's water system, playground improvements and construction of the new city hall and police
18 complex and recorded the accomplishment of more than 240 visioning projects; and

19 Whereas Mayor Harold White served on the Mid-Willamette Valley Mayors Coalition, the
20 Santiam Regional Advisory Council, the Cascade Progress Team, the board of directors of the
21 League of Oregon Cities, was a long-standing member of the Mid-Willamette Valley Council of
22 Governments, is a past president of the Oregon Mayors Association and regularly sat on K through
23 12 educational forums; and

24 Whereas Mayor Harold White was instrumental in working with the neighboring Small Cities
25 Coalition to enter a Santiam Regional Agreement in 2000 and bring about the Chemeketa Area Re-
26 gional Transportation System (CARTS); and

27 Whereas Mayor Harold White's hard work, talent and leadership were essential in helping res-
28 idents of Aumsville cope with the effects of a tornado that touched down on December 14, 2010, and
29 that resulted in substantial damage to the city's housing, businesses and infrastructure; and

30 Whereas Mayor White's subsequent efforts helped to ensure that the City of Aumsville was eli-
31 gible to receive compensatory funds from its insurance coverage, relief funds from grants and char-
32 itable donations and other funds to aid in the city's quick recovery; 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 Mayor Harold White is credited with helping to make Aumsville, as proclaimed on the
2 city's website, "A Great Place to Live," and city officials sing his praises, seek his mentorship and
3 continue his legacy; and

4 Whereas Harold White was elected as the mayor of Aumsville for 30 consecutive years, joining
5 mayors from Tillamook, Columbia City and Millersburg as one of the longest-serving mayors in
6 Oregon history; and

7 Whereas Harold White has actively served as a nursing home chaplain in eight area facilities
8 for over 25 years and has served as associate pastor at Bethel Baptist Church, where he has been
9 a member for more than 30 years; and

10 Whereas Harold White and Bonnie, his beloved wife of 48 years, have raised two children,
11 nurtured eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren and worked side by side in their nursing
12 home chaplaincy, touching the lives of thousands of patients in the Willamette Valley; and

13 Whereas Harold White, through his personal integrity, visionary thinking, dedication and in-
14 credible devotion and commitment to the citizens and community of Aumsville and the greater mid-
15 Willamette Valley for the past 38 years, has lived an exemplary life — a role model for all to
16 emulate; now, therefore,

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

18 That we, the members of the Seventy-ninth Legislative Assembly, recognize and celebrate the
19 myriad contributions and achievements Harold White has so freely shared with his friends and
20 neighbors in Oregon over his 38 years of service.

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