

## Enrolled

# Senate Concurrent Resolution 7

Sponsored by Senators OLSEN, JOHNSON, HASS, BAERTSCHIGER JR, BURDICK, COURTNEY, DEBOER, MONNES ANDERSON, STEINER HAYWARD, WINTERS, Representative PARRISH; Senators BEYER, BOQUIST, DEMBROW, DEVLIN, FERRIOLI, GELSER, GIROD, HANSELL, KNOPP, KRUSE, MONROE, PROZANSKI, RILEY, ROBLAN, THATCHER, THOMSEN, Representatives ESQUIVEL, KENNEMER, MARSH, STARK, WHISNANT (at the request of former Senators Chris Edwards, Diane Rosenbaum, Chip Shields, Kevin Talbert, Doug Whitsett, former Representative Gail Whitsett) (Pre-session filed.)

Whereas Senator Alan Bates was born on March 17, 1945, in Seattle, Washington, to Curtis and Ruth Bates; and

Whereas Senator Alan Bates graduated from Everett High School in 1963; and

Whereas Senator Alan Bates served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War; and

Whereas in 1977, Senator Alan Bates graduated from the College of Osteopathic Medicine in Kansas City, Missouri; and

Whereas Alan Bates excelled in patient-centered care, maintaining a family medical practice in southern Oregon for more than 30 years; and

Whereas Senator Alan Bates built relationships with generations of families and became a hero to strangers in need; and

Whereas in addition to direct patient care, Senator Alan Bates served as the Chief of Medicine at Rogue Regional Medical Center and Providence Medical Center, as well as on the board of directors of Asante Physician Partners; and

Whereas Senator Alan Bates was a founder of modern healthcare in Oregon, serving on and chairing the Health Services Commission, where he developed the methodology for the Oregon Health Plan; and

Whereas in 2000, after 10 years on the Eagle Point School Board, Senator Alan Bates entered the Oregon House of Representatives, where he rescued the Oregon Health Plan by working across the aisle; and

Whereas in 2004, Senator Alan Bates was elected to the Oregon Senate; and

Whereas Senator Alan Bates was known for his role in creating the Oregon Health Authority and guiding Oregon's Health System Transformation, which is seen as the flagship model for the nation; and

Whereas Senator Alan Bates was a champion of the environment and worked tirelessly to ensure a healthy, livable planet for future generations; and

Whereas Senator Alan Bates also worked hard to help working class Oregonians across this state have a chance to prosper and thrive; and

Whereas all the while, Senator Alan Bates continued to serve first as a doctor, often acting as the Legislative Assembly's de facto physician and always returning home to see his patients on the weekend; and

Whereas Senator Alan Bates' diagnostic skills saved the life of a fellow legislator in June 2015, when Senator Alan Olsen suffered a heart attack in the Capitol; and

Whereas when Senator Olsen declared, "This is the man that saved my life," Senator Bates downplayed his own role and gave the credit to others, claiming that he was "just part of the team"; and

Whereas throughout his life, Senator Alan Bates was a master fly fisherman; and

Whereas perhaps Senator Alan Bates' greatest love, aside from seeing patients, was teaching the art to close friends, children and grandchildren; and

Whereas on August 5, 2016, Senator Alan Bates died while doing what he loved—spending a day fly fishing on the Rogue River with his son; and

Whereas as a doctor, father, statesman, husband, fly fisherman and friend, Senator Alan Bates improved the lives of millions of individuals; and

Whereas through his commitment to better health for all, Senator Alan Bates set the ultimate example of what a doctor who truly cares could do; now, therefore,

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

That we, the Seventy-ninth Legislative Assembly, express our condolences to Senator Alan Bates' wife and family and express the deep sense of loss felt by the Legislative Assembly and the Capitol community; and be it further

Resolved, That we honor and celebrate the remarkable life and achievements of Senator Alan Bates and express our sincere and abiding gratitude for his service to the Legislative Assembly and to all Oregonians.

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Adopted by Senate March 16, 2017

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Lori L. Bocker, Secretary of Senate

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Peter Courtney, President of Senate

Adopted by House June 22, 2017

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Tina Kotek, Speaker of House