

## SCR 8 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

### Senate Committee On Rules

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**Meeting Dates:** 2/25

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#### **WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Honors and celebrates the life and accomplishments of master engraver Robert Bromley Valade.

#### **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

#### **EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

Robert Bromley Valade was a lifelong Oregonian who forged a remarkable career as one of fewer than 50 master engravers in the United States who crafted beautiful designs by hand until his death on November 1, 2016.

On October 22, 1941, Robert Bromley Valade was born in Union County, Oregon to Darrell and Irene Valade. Robert grew up in LaGrande, Oregon, where he broke horses, picked fruit, worked as a hunting guide, and flew small planes until he discovered his true passion was for art. During a high school English class, he met his wife, Joann, and they went on to share a marriage that lasted half a century. Joann and Robert made Seaside, Oregon their home for the last two decades of their life together.

Robert Bromley Valade began engraving early in life when other children would request that he scratch designs on their prized possessions. Robert's first professional engraving job was in 1968 with famed saddle maker Charlie Baker but he accumulated a string of illustrious clients throughout his impressive career. He was proudest of the set of Colt Army Model single-action revolvers he engraved for Ronald Reagan shortly after Reagan was elected President of the United States. Despite his celebrity clients, including Clint Eastwood, Roy Rogers, and John Wayne, and his own reputation as an engraving icon, he was as legendary for his humility and kindness as he was for his remarkable artwork.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 8 honors and celebrates the life and accomplishments of master engraver Robert Bromley Valade.