

Enrolled
House Concurrent Resolution 31

Sponsored by Representative SMITH DB

Whereas Chief John Joseph Brazil was born on August 31, 1944, in Sacramento, California, to Mary A. and Joe P. Brazil, and he grew up with his three sisters, Victoria, Susan and Peggy; and

Whereas Chief Brazil worked beside his father on the family farm beginning when he was seven years of age; and

Whereas Chief Brazil graduated from Norte del Rio High School in Sacramento in 1962; and

Whereas Chief Brazil married his school sweetheart Patra Richardson in 1963 and together they raised two daughters, Laura and Lynn; and

Whereas Chief Brazil had a long and successful career in telecommunications, working for Verizon, AT&T, Western Electric, Pacific Bell and GTE; and

Whereas Chief Brazil and his wife moved to Harbor, Oregon, following his retirement in 2002; and

Whereas Chief Brazil began working as a volunteer firefighter for the Harbor Rural Fire Protection District, and he quickly rose through the ranks until he became chief in 2007, a position he held until his death; and

Whereas Chief Brazil had a passion for anything mechanical, and he built and drove dragsters as a young man; and

Whereas Chief Brazil loved spending time with his family, including camping and sailing, and he especially loved coaching his children and grandchildren in their many sporting activities; and

Whereas Chief Brazil did an important job with consummate professionalism, integrity and dedication; and

Whereas Chief Brazil died on August 15, 2018, after a battle with lung and bone cancer; and

Whereas Chief Brazil was a pillar of the Harbor, Brookings and Gold Beach communities, and flags there flew at half-staff following his death; and

Whereas Chief Brazil was honored with a memorial procession of emergency vehicles stretching from the Harbor Fire Hall to the Port of Brookings Harbor, followed by a service that included a cordon of honor of uniformed first responders; and

Whereas Chief Brazil is greatly missed by his family and his many friends; now, therefore,

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

That we, the members of the Eightieth Legislative Assembly, recognize and honor Chief John Joseph Brazil for his service to this state.

Adopted by House April 4, 2019

Timothy G. Sekerak, Chief Clerk of House

Tina Kotek, Speaker of House

Adopted by Senate May 14, 2019

Peter Courtney, President of Senate