

# Senate Concurrent Resolution 26

Sponsored by Senator BEYER, Representative WILDE

## 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**.

In memoriam: Evangeline Mary Kelsch "Vange" Bigham, 1945-2018.

## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1  
2       Whereas Evangeline Mary Kelsch "Vange" Bigham was born on June 6, 1945, in Springfield,  
3 Oregon, to Joseph and Ella Kelsch; and

4       Whereas Vange Bigham grew up in Creswell, Oregon, where she picked beans in the summer  
5 and enjoyed riding her bicycle down the road that eventually became Interstate 5; and

6       Whereas Vange Bigham was a cheerleader at Creswell High School and graduated in 1963 as  
7 the salutatorian for her class; and

8       Whereas Vange Bigham attended Southern Oregon College (now Southern Oregon University)  
9 for a year before returning to Creswell, where she worked in the post office and met Richard  
10 Bigham; and

11       Whereas Vange and Richard Bigham were married in 1964, and together they had two children,  
12 Chrissy and Rick; and

13       Whereas while raising her children, Vange Bigham returned to higher education, earning aca-  
14 demic honors and graduating from the University of Oregon in 1992; and

15       Whereas Vange Bigham was hired as a teacher at Springfield High School, where she enjoyed  
16 teaching honors English and journalism and took great pride in working with her students to publish  
17 the school's weekly newspaper; and

18       Whereas Vange Bigham retired from teaching in 2003, but she did not slow down her active and  
19 committed volunteer work, devoting countless hours to the causes dear to her; and

20       Whereas Vange Bigham was a tireless advocate for libraries and schools, and she offered her  
21 skills and leadership in many ways, from volunteering in the ASPIRE program at Creswell High  
22 School to playing a huge role in ensuring that the new Creswell Library became a reality; and

23       Whereas Vange Bigham served on the Creswell School Board and the Creswell Education  
24 Foundation, and she was one of the Lane Library District's original board members; and

25       Whereas Vange Bigham loved camping and fishing and she hiked many miles with a group of  
26 dear friends, sharing countless laughs and adventures along the way; and

27       Whereas Vange Bigham loved to read and write poetry; and

28       Whereas Vange Bigham's biggest joy was spending time with her family, and she had a special  
29 knack for making each of her grandchildren feel that they were her favorite; and

30       Whereas Vange Bigham had a huge zest for life and a rare gift for making any event feel like  
31 a party; and

32       Whereas Vange Bigham died on December 31, 2018; 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 Vange Bigham is survived by her husband, two children and nine grandchildren; and  
2       Whereas Vange Bigham will be forever remembered as a dedicated teacher and a tireless vol-  
3       unteer who touched many lives and made her community a better place; now, therefore,

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

5       That we, the members of the Eightieth Legislative Assembly, celebrate the life and accomplish-  
6       ments of Evangeline Mary Kelsch “Vange” Bigham, and we recognize and honor her contributions  
7       to the people of this state; and be it further

8       Resolved, That a copy of this resolution shall be presented to the family of Vange Bigham as  
9       an expression of our sympathy and condolences.

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