

Senate Concurrent Resolution 8

Sponsored by Senator JOHNSON (Pre-session filed.)

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: Robert Bromley Valade, 1941-2016.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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2 Whereas Robert Bromley Valade was born on October 22, 1941, in Union County, Oregon, to
3 Darrell and Irene Valade; and

4 Whereas Robert Bromley Valade grew up in La Grande, Oregon, where he broke horses, picked
5 fruit, worked as a hunting guide and flew small planes, but discovered that his true passion was for
6 art; and

7 Whereas Robert Bromley Valade began engraving early in life when other children would re-
8 quest that he scratch designs on their prized possessions; and

9 Whereas Robert Bromley Valade's first professional engraving job was in 1968 for famed saddle
10 maker Charlie Baker; and

11 Whereas although a self-taught engraver, Robert Bromley Valade forged a remarkable career
12 and become an internationally renowned artist with a string of illustrious clients, including pilot
13 Chuck Yeager and actors Clint Eastwood, Roy Rogers and John Wayne; and

14 Whereas Robert Bromley Valade engraved guns, knives, hatchets, saddles, lighters, belt buckles,
15 fishing rods and even a drum set for musician Ringo Starr; and

16 Whereas Robert Bromley Valade was proudest of the set of Colt Army Model single-action
17 revolvers he engraved for Ronald Reagan shortly after Reagan was elected President of the United
18 States; and

19 Whereas in an era when most engraving is done by machines or using other expedited methods,
20 Robert Bromley Valade was one of fewer than 50 master engravers in the United States who used
21 traditional tools and methods to craft his beautiful designs by hand; and

22 Whereas despite his celebrity clients and his own reputation as an engraving icon, Robert
23 Bromley Valade was as legendary for his humility and kindness as he was for his remarkable art-
24 work; and

25 Whereas Robert Bromley Valade met his future wife, Joann, in a high school English class, and
26 they went on to share a marriage that lasted half a century; and

27 Whereas Joann and Robert Bromley Valade made Seaside, Oregon, their home for the last two
28 decades of their life together; and

29 Whereas Robert Bromley Valade died on November 1, 2016; now, therefore,

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

31 That we, the members of the Eightieth Legislative Assembly, honor and celebrate the life and
32 accomplishments of master engraver Robert Bromley Valade; and be it further

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.

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1 Resolved, That a copy of this resolution shall be presented to the family of Robert Bromley
2 Valade as an expression of our sympathy and condolences.
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