

House Concurrent Resolution 13

Sponsored by Representative DRAZAN; Representatives RESCHKE, SMITH G (Presession 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: George Ira Fenton Jr., 1931-2019.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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2 Whereas George Ira Fenton Jr. was born on February 25, 1931, near Harper, Oregon, to Hazel
3 Star Northrup Fenton and George I. Fenton; and

4 Whereas George Fenton Jr. was the youngest of six children who grew up on a working ranch
5 before the family moved to Ontario, Oregon, during the Great Depression; and

6 Whereas George Fenton Jr. graduated from Ontario High School, where he played football and
7 baseball and worked at a motel and movie theater; and

8 Whereas George Fenton Jr. briefly attended university before he was drafted during the Korean
9 War, and he served his country with honor and distinction in the United States Army from 1951 to
10 1953; and

11 Whereas George Fenton Jr. served in the 6th Infantry Division, where he was a clerk-typist at
12 ordnance battalion headquarters in Nancy, France, and he was honorably discharged with the rank
13 of sergeant; and

14 Whereas George Fenton Jr. received a bachelor's degree in 1957 and a master's degree in 1960
15 from Eastern Oregon College; and

16 Whereas George Fenton Jr. continued his education at the University of Nevada, Reno, with an
17 administrative degree in education in 1963; and

18 Whereas George Fenton Jr. married Joyce Joann Kroenlein in 1958, and together they raised
19 two daughters; and

20 Whereas George Fenton Jr. worked as a teacher, coach and administrator in the Pine Eagle
21 School District and Umatilla School District; and

22 Whereas George Fenton Jr. retired as the Umatilla School District superintendent in 1996, cul-
23 minating an exemplary career in education that lasted nearly four decades; and

24 Whereas George Fenton Jr. was active in his community as a member of the Benevolent and
25 Protective Order of Elks, Lions Club International, Kiwanis International, Veterans of Foreign Wars
26 of the United States, Phi Delta Kappa and Hermiston First United Methodist Church; and

27 Whereas George Fenton Jr. served on the Umatilla City Council from 1997 to 2015, including
28 brief periods as the mayor pro tempore; and

29 Whereas George Fenton Jr. enjoyed an active outdoor life, especially fishing and hunting in the
30 Wallowa Mountains; and

31 Whereas George Fenton Jr. loved spending time with his family, working on antique cars, col-
32 lecting coins, photography and gardening; 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 George Fenton Jr. passed away on November 21, 2019; and

2 Whereas George Fenton Jr. was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Joyce, his parents and
3 his five siblings; and

4 Whereas George Fenton Jr. was survived by his daughters, Jonnie and Kristle, two grandsons
5 and many nieces, nephews and cousins; and

6 Whereas George Fenton Jr. will be forever remembered as a dedicated educator and a gentle-
7 man statesman who touched countless lives and made his community a better place; now, therefore,

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

9 That we, the members of the Eighty-first Legislative Assembly, celebrate the life and accom-
10 plishments of George Ira Fenton Jr., and we recognize and honor his contributions to the people of
11 this state; and be it further

12 Resolved, That a copy of this resolution shall be presented to the family of George Fenton Jr.
13 as an expression of our sympathy and condolences.

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