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House Concurrent Resolution 30

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Including House Amendments dated April 26

Sponsored by Representatives HUDSON, NOBLE, Senator DEMBROW; Representative SOLLMAN

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.

[Recognizes and honors Beverly Cleary for her lifetime achievements in literature and her contributions to Oregon culture.]

In memoriam: Beverly Cleary, 1916-2021.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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2 Whereas Beverly Cleary was born Beverly Atlee Bunn on April 12, 1916, in McMinnville,
3 Oregon, to Chester Lloyd Bunn and Mable Atlee Bunn; and

4 Whereas Beverly Cleary grew up on a farm in the town of Yamhill, Oregon, until she moved to
5 Portland, Oregon, with her family; and

6 Whereas Beverly Cleary's mother introduced her daughter to books through a lending program
7 she arranged with the Oregon State Library; and

8 Whereas Beverly Cleary overcame her initial struggles with reading and came to love reading;
9 and

10 Whereas Beverly Cleary noticed that few books were relevant to her childhood or to children
11 in her community, and she decided that she wanted to write children's books that universally ap-
12 pealed to children; and

13 Whereas Beverly Cleary earned a bachelor's degree from the University of California at
14 Berkeley and a master's degree in library science from the University of Washington; and

15 Whereas Beverly Cleary worked at the Multnomah County Library in the Central Library
16 branch as a young adult and was an ardent supporter of and donor to the Multnomah County Li-
17 brary throughout her life; and

18 Whereas Beverly Cleary married Clarence T. Cleary in 1940; and

19 Whereas Beverly Cleary was the mother of two children, Malcolm and Marianne, who became
20 the inspirations for her characters Mitch and Amy; and

21 Whereas Beverly Cleary served her country as a post librarian at the United States Army
22 Hospital in Oakland, California, from 1942 to 1945; and

23 Whereas Beverly Cleary published her first book, *Henry Huggins*, in 1950; and

24 Whereas Beverly Cleary created such beloved and iconic characters as Henry Huggins, Ramona
25 Quimby, Beezus Quimby, Ellen Tebbits, Ribsby, Ralph S. Mouse, Socks and many others; and

26 Whereas Beverly Cleary published more than four dozen books over a five-decade career; and

27 Whereas more than 85 million copies of Beverly Cleary's books have been sold, and her books
28 have been translated into at least 29 languages; and

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New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 Whereas Beverly Cleary’s books have been adapted into film and television productions; and
2 Whereas Beverly Cleary is regarded as a master and beloved storyteller who revolutionized the
3 way that children’s books are written; and

4 Whereas Beverly Cleary received numerous honors and awards, including the National Medal
5 of Arts, the National Book Award, the American Library Association’s Laura Ingalls Wilder Award,
6 the Association for Library Service to Children’s Newbery Medal, Newbery Honor Book recognition,
7 the Children’s Book Council’s Everychild Award, the Catholic Library Association’s Regina Medal,
8 the University of Southern Mississippi’s Silver Medallion and the *Los Angeles Times*’ Robert Kirsch
9 Award; and

10 Whereas Beverly Cleary was the United States author nominee for the Hans Christian Andersen
11 Award in 1984; and

12 Whereas Beverly Cleary’s books have won more than 35 reader-nominated state awards; and

13 Whereas in 2000, Beverly Cleary was named a “Living Legend” by the Library of Congress for
14 her creative contributions to the cultural heritage of the United States; and

15 Whereas in 1988, Beverly Cleary published a memoir, *A Girl from Yamhill*, about her childhood
16 in Oregon; and

17 Whereas Beverly Cleary based her books in Portland and elsewhere in Oregon; and

18 Whereas Beverly Cleary School in the Grant Park neighborhood of Portland was named in her
19 honor and in recognition of her connection to the school and her upbringing in the neighborhood;
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21 Whereas the Beverly Cleary Sculpture Garden in Grant Park honors the references to the park
22 and the surrounding neighborhood in her books; and

23 Whereas the Multnomah County Library has installed numerous memorials in recognition of
24 Beverly Cleary’s connections to Portland and in honor of her accomplishments and contributions to
25 literature, including naming the Beverly Cleary Children’s Library in the Central Library branch in
26 her honor; and

27 Whereas readers around the world observe Drop Everything and Read Day (D.E.A.R. Day) every
28 year on April 12, in honor of Beverly Cleary’s birthday, to celebrate books and reading; and

29 Whereas Beverly Cleary would have celebrated her 105th birthday on April 12, 2021; and

30 Whereas Beverly Cleary passed away on March 25, 2021, at the age of 104; now, therefore,

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

32 That we, the members of the Eighty-first Legislative Assembly, recognize and honor Beverly
33 Cleary for her lifetime achievements in literature, which have brought joy to tens of millions of
34 readers around the world for generations and earned her unique and lasting distinction in Oregon
35 history and culture.

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