

# House Concurrent Resolution 30

Sponsored by Representatives HUDSON, NOBLE, Senator DEMBROW

## 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**.

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

## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

Whereas Beverly Cleary noticed that few books were relevant to her childhood or to children in her community, and she decided that she wanted to write children's books that universally appealed to children; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Whereas more than 90 million copies of Beverly Cleary's books have been sold, and her books have been translated into at least 14 languages; and

Whereas Beverly Cleary's books have been adapted into film and television productions; and

Whereas Beverly Cleary is regarded as a master and beloved storyteller who revolutionized the way that children's books are written; and

Whereas Beverly Cleary has received numerous honors and awards, including the National Medal of Arts, the National Book Award, the American Library Association's Laura Ingalls Wilder

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1 Award, the Association for Library Service to Children’s Newbery Medal, Newbery Honor Book  
2 recognition, the Children’s Book Council’s Everychild Award, the Catholic Library Association’s  
3 Regina Medal and the University of Southern Mississippi’s Silver Medallion; and

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

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

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

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

10       Whereas Beverly Cleary School in the Grant Park neighborhood of Portland was named in her  
11 honor and in recognition of her connection to the school and her upbringing in the neighborhood;  
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13       Whereas the Beverly Cleary Sculpture Garden in Grant Park honors the references to the park  
14 and the surrounding neighborhood in her books; and

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

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

21       Whereas Beverly Cleary will celebrate her 105th birthday on April 12, 2021; now, therefore,

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

23       That we, the members of the Eighty-first Legislative Assembly, recognize and honor Beverly  
24 Cleary for her lifetime achievements in literature, which have brought joy to tens of millions of  
25 readers around the world for generations and earned her unique and lasting distinction in Oregon  
26 history and culture; and be it further

27       Resolved, That we congratulate Beverly Cleary on her 105th birthday and wish her health and  
28 happiness; and be it further

29       Resolved, That a copy of this resolution shall be presented to Beverly Cleary as an expression  
30 of our appreciation and reverence.

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