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Senate Concurrent Resolution 10

Sponsored by Senator GIROD, Representative MOORE-GREEN, Senators FREDERICK, STEINER HAYWARD; Senators BURDICK, DEMBROW, FINDLEY, GELSER, KENNEMER, KNOPP, MANNING JR, PATTERSON, THATCHER, THOMSEN, Representatives ALONSO LEON, SANCHEZ, SOLLMAN, WILDE (at the request of former Senators Denyc Boles and Herman Baertschiger, Jr.) (Pre-session filed.)

Whereas Senator Jackie Winters was born in Topeka, Kansas, on April 15, 1937; and
Whereas in 1943, Senator Jackie Winters moved with her family to Portland, Oregon; and
Whereas Senator Jackie Winters survived the Vanport flood as a young girl and attended public schools in Portland; and

Whereas Senator Jackie Winters continued her education with coursework at Portland Community College and Oregon State University; and

Whereas in 1969, Senator Jackie Winters was recruited by Governor Tom McCall to be supervisor of the Office of Economic Opportunity's New Resources Program, launching her 50-year career in public service; and

Whereas in 1979, Senator Jackie Winters was appointed as an ombudsman by Governor Victor Atiyeh and, during her service, she helped create the Oregon Food Share program, the first state-wide nonprofit food sharing network, which to this day continues to serve Oregon's neediest families; and

Whereas Senator Jackie Winters was also a dynamic leader in the business world, opening her first Jackie's Ribs restaurant in 1985 in Salem, Oregon; and

Whereas Senator Jackie Winters' successful business operation expanded to ultimately include three wildly popular restaurants and two franchises, which also provided catering services and competed in state and national barbecue competitions; and

Whereas Senator Jackie Winters was elected to the Oregon House of Representatives in 1998, representing Salem; and

Whereas Senator Jackie Winters became the first African American Republican to serve in the Legislative Assembly; and

Whereas Senator Jackie Winters was elected to the Oregon Senate in 2002, an office she held until her death; and

Whereas in 2017, Senator Jackie Winters was elected Senate Minority Leader, becoming the first African American legislative caucus leader in Oregon history; and

Whereas Senator Jackie Winters described herself as a "fiscal conservative with a heart," and she was a fierce advocate for the most vulnerable in our society, working tirelessly on behalf of abused and neglected children and survivors of domestic and sexual violence; and

Whereas Senator Jackie Winters relied heavily on her faith and she believed deeply in the power of rehabilitation and second chances; and

Whereas Senator Jackie Winters was a passionate advocate for reform in Oregon's criminal justice system, especially the need to stop sending young offenders into the adult penal system; and

Whereas Senator Jackie Winters was noted for voting her conscience and for working with members of both parties to improve the lives of Oregonians, choosing not to see problems that needed solving as "Republican issues" or "Democratic issues"; and

Whereas Senator Jackie Winters led by example with wisdom, integrity and dignity, and she was a constant source of inspiration to those around her; and

Whereas Senator Jackie Winters was renowned for her graciousness and civility, but she also loved a good fight, and she tenaciously battled for the causes and people she believed in; and

Whereas Senator Jackie Winters never stopped asking how she could help make her community a better place, and she never stopped working for the people in her district and all Oregonians; and

Whereas Senator Jackie Winters passed away on May 29, 2019; and

Whereas Senator Jackie Winters was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Ted, and she is survived by her brother, four children, two step-children and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and

Whereas Senator Jackie Winters refused to let discrimination block her path, and her monumental accomplishments are a testament to her unique abilities and indomitable spirit; and

Whereas Senator Jackie Winters was a mentor to many and she will serve as a role model for generations to come; and

Whereas Senator Jackie Winters was a trailblazing stateswoman and a champion for justice, and she will forever be remembered for her decades of dedicated public service to the State of Oregon; now, therefore,

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

That we, the members of the Eighty-first Legislative Assembly, honor and celebrate the remarkable life and achievements of Senator Jackie Winters, and we express our sincere and abiding gratitude for her service to the Legislative Assembly and to all Oregonians; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution shall be presented to the family of Senator Jackie Winters as an expression of our sympathy and condolences.

Adopted by Senate June 21, 2021

Lori L. Brocker, Secretary of Senate

Peter Courtney, President of Senate

Adopted by House June 26, 2021

Tina Kotek, Speaker of House