

SCR 6 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Sollman

Senate Committee On Veterans, Emergency Management, Federal and World Affairs

Action Date: 02/07/23

Action: Do adopt.

Vote: 5-0-0-0

Yeas: 5 - Gorsek, Linthicum, Manning Jr, Thatcher, Woods

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/2, 2/7

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Memorializes former state Representative Ralph Davis Brown (1944-2022).

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Life and legacy of Ralph Davis Brown
- Extensive history of public and community service

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Ralph Davis Brown was born in Spokane, Washington, before moving to Astoria as a child. He graduated from Astoria High School in 1962, then joined the National Guard. He married Carol Osterlund in 1963, having met her years earlier at Captain Robert Gray Elementary School. Mr. Brown studied at Clatsop Community College and the Oregon College of Education before beginning a teaching career at Fort Stevens Junior High School, where he also coached football and basketball. Later, he moved on to the Hillsboro School District, where he served as a middle school teacher, counselor, and administrator.

Mr. Brown would go on to serve as both city council member and mayor of the City of Cornelius before being appointed to serve in the State House of Representatives in 2002. After his legislative service, Mr. Brown served as a member of the Forest Grove School Board. He was reunited with his birth family later in life, having been adopted when he was less than a year old, and as a result was enrolled as a member of the Confederated Salish and Cootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation in Montana. He was found deceased in 2022 after having gone missing nearly a year before. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Carol, his children Laurie and Daryle, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, siblings, nieces, nephews, and countless friends, coworkers, and fellow runners and walkers.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 6 celebrates the life and accomplishments of Ralph Davis Brown and his contributions to the state.