

SCR 5 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Golden

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

Action Date: 02/16/23

Action: Be adopted with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)

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: 2/9, 2/16

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Memorializes Mary Curtis Gramley (1936-2021).

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Impact on the lives of children
- Decades of work helping families to thrive

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Revises "be it resolved" clause.

BACKGROUND:

Mary Curtis Gramley (1936-2021) was born in Graham, North Carolina, growing up there and later graduating from Salem College, North Carolina and beginning a teaching career. She later attended graduate school at the University of Oregon, where she studied counseling psychology and attained a Ph.D. in early childhood development. During the 1990s, Mary served as a professor and associate dean at Southern Oregon University enhancing the early childhood education program and helping to create and develop the Master of Arts in Teaching program.

Mary had a hunger for helping people in need, but especially children writing, "each child's well-being deserves respect top to bottom." She served as executive director for the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) program in Jackson County. In 2004, she founded the Family Nurturing Center which currently supports more than 2,000 families in southern Oregon. In addition, she cofounded the Oasis Center of the Rogue Valley, a family-centered medical clinic addressing the needs of families affected by substance use disorders.

Mary passed away on May 17, 2021; she was survived by her husband Dale, their five children, Jane, Dale, Walter, Andrew, and Joseph, seven grandchildren, and her sister, Jane. She will be forever remembered as a dedicated and tireless advocate for children and families.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 5 A celebrates the life and career of Mary Curtis Gramley.