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House Concurrent Resolution 10

Sponsored by Representative RUIZ, Senators FREDERICK, GORSEK; Representative BYNUM (Pre-session filed.)

Whereas John and Shirley Vandermosten were raised in neighboring towns on the south shore of Long Island, New York, and they met as students at Oceanside High School; and

Whereas John Vandermosten served his country with honor and distinction in the United States Navy; and

Whereas John and Shirley Vandermosten graduated from campuses in the State University of New York system and became schoolteachers; and

Whereas in the early 1970s, John and Shirley Vandermosten moved to Oregon, seeing it as an ideal place to live and raise their family; and

Whereas John and Shirley Vandermosten settled in Gresham, Oregon, where they have made their home since 1972; and

Whereas John and Shirley Vandermosten quickly became leaders in their new community, and they have worked with passion and commitment to improve the quality of life in Gresham and East Multnomah County; and

Whereas after finding herself unable to communicate with the large Spanish-speaking population in her community, Shirley Vandermosten began taking Spanish lessons, which culminated in a B.A. in Spanish from Portland State University and led to her work as a tutor at Mt. Hood Community College for 22 years; and

Whereas John and Shirley Vandermosten proudly serve on the board of East County Rising, and they support its mission to engage, energize and elevate East Multnomah County by transforming governments to better reflect and represent the area's diverse and progressive community; and

Whereas John and Shirley Vandermosten regularly attend local political meetings and they "try to keep our finger on the East County pulse," in Shirley's words; and

Whereas John and Shirley Vandermosten have been involved in numerous other civic, political and charitable organizations, giving tirelessly of their time; and

Whereas John and Shirley Vandermosten are leaders in the fight for human rights, justice and inclusion for all; and

Whereas John and Shirley Vandermosten exemplify what it is to be community changemakers, and they care deeply about finding ways to improve the lives of individual people; and

Whereas in a lifetime of dedicated work as educators, mentors and community activists, John and Shirley Vandermosten have touched countless lives and made their community a better place; now, therefore,

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

That we, the members of the Eighty-second Legislative Assembly, recognize and honor John and Shirley Vandermosten for their leadership and service to the people of the State of Oregon.

Adopted by House February 7, 2023

Timothy G. Sekerak, Chief Clerk of House

Dan Rayfield, Speaker of House

Adopted by Senate May 1, 2023

Rob Wagner, President of Senate