

# House Concurrent Resolution 14

Sponsored by Representative EVANS

## SUMMARY

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Designates *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* (1975) as official film of Oregon.

## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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2 Whereas the 1975 film *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* was adapted for the screen by Lawrence  
3 Hauben and Bo Goldman from the book by acclaimed novelist and dyed-in-the-wool Oregonian Ken  
4 Kesey; and

5 Whereas the film won countless awards for its groundbreaking, humanistic portrayal of persons  
6 with mental illness, including Academy Awards for Best Picture, Best Director for Milos Forman,  
7 Best Actor for Jack Nicholson, Best Actress for Louise Fletcher, and Best Screenplay Adapted From  
8 Other Material for Hauben and Goldman; and

9 Whereas the film was shot almost entirely on location at the Oregon State Hospital in Salem;  
10 and

11 Whereas patients and staff at the Oregon State Hospital played active roles as on-screen per-  
12 formers and members of the film's production crew, lending truth to the film's messages of inclusion;  
13 and

14 Whereas the film's spirited second-act fishing scene showcased not only the talents of up-and-  
15 coming character actors including Danny DeVito, Sydney Lassick and Christopher Lloyd, but also  
16 the coastal charms of Oregon's Depoe Bay; and

17 Whereas the film's story was based on Kesey's experiences as a night aide in the psychiatric  
18 ward of the Menlo Park Veteran's Hospital in California, where he came to empathize with persons  
19 with mental illness, who he believed were misunderstood outcasts whom society had failed; and

20 Whereas Kesey's portrayal of institutional abuse within state-run psychiatric wards helped to  
21 usher in a boldly compassionate new era of community mental health care; and

22 Whereas in the nearly half-century since the film's release, Jack Nicholson's character Randle  
23 "R.P." McMurphy has endured as an anti-authoritarian folk hero whose outside-the-box thinking and  
24 vehement rejection of the status quo exemplifies the irrepressible spirit of the people of the State  
25 of Oregon; and

26 Whereas the film, like Oregon, embraces the downtrodden, the misjudged, and all who have  
27 failed to thrive within the bounds of conventional society; and

28 Whereas the film celebrates each person's right to dignity, to joy, and to the full experience of  
29 human life; now, therefore,

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

31 That we, the members of the Eighty-second Legislative Assembly, designate *One Flew Over the*  
32 *Cuckoo's Nest* as the official film of the State of Oregon.

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

