

House Concurrent Resolution 31

Sponsored by Representatives PHAM H, GRAYBER, Senator LIEBER

SUMMARY

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Recognizes and honors Dr. Brian Druker for his leadership and service.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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Whereas Dr. Brian Druker was born on April 30, 1955, in Saint Paul, Minnesota; and

Whereas Brian Druker developed a strong interest in the sciences as a child, gaining strong support from his parents, who emphasized the importance of higher education and community; and

Whereas in 1973, Brian Druker graduated from Highland Park High School in Saint Paul, Minnesota; and

Whereas Brian Druker graduated from the University of California, San Diego, with a Bachelor of Science in chemistry in 1977 and a Doctor of Medicine degree in 1981; and

Whereas Brian Druker was inspired to become a physician-researcher after learning about breakthroughs for curing childhood leukemia; and

Whereas in 1984, Brian Druker completed his internship and residency in internal medicine at Barnes Hospital of the Washington University School of Medicine; and

Whereas in that same year, Brian Druker started a fellowship in medical oncology at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, eventually mentoring the next generation of leaders as an instructor at Harvard Medical School; and

Whereas in 1993, Brian Druker started working at Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU), which welcomed and elevated his pioneering and cutting-edge research in oncology; and

Whereas determined to prevent any further deaths from chronic myeloid leukemia, Brian Druker focused on finding a first-of-its-kind cancer treatment that targets only cancer cells in the body; and

Whereas on May 10, 2001, the United States Food and Drug Administration approved Brian Druker's cancer-fighting drug Gleevec, which has saved hundreds of thousands of lives around the world in addition to jump-starting the era of precision cancer medicine; and

Whereas in 2001, Brian Druker became the JELD-WEN Chair of Leukemia Research at Oregon Health and Science University; and

Whereas from 2002 to 2019, Brian Druker was an investigator at the Howard Hughes Medical Institute, a nonprofit medical research organization; and

Whereas in 2007, Brian Druker became director of the OHSU Knight Cancer Institute, leading the institute to international prominence for its ability to deliver personalized cancer medicine; and

Whereas in 2009, Brian Druker earned the Lasker-DeBakey Award for Clinical Medical Research (known as the "American Nobel Prize") for his revolutionary work in creating a magic bullet against cancer and providing hope to millions of patients and their loved ones; and

Whereas in 2015, Brian Druker led one of the most ambitious fundraising efforts in Oregon his-

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1 tory, the Knight Cancer Challenge, raising \$1 billion for the OHSU Knight Cancer Institute's re-
2 search from the Legislative Assembly, Phil and Penny Knight and more than 10,000 donors around
3 the world; and

4 Whereas in 2016, Brian Druker launched the Cancer Early Detection Advanced Research Cen-
5 ter, developing a large-scale early detection program with the world's top scientists that built upon
6 the scientific strengths of the OHSU Knight Cancer Institute; and

7 Whereas in 2017, Brian Druker led the OHSU Knight Cancer Institute in earning its designation
8 by the National Cancer Institute as a Comprehensive Cancer Center, making the institute one of the
9 premier cancer research centers in the country, for its work in diagnosing, treating and preventing
10 cancer more effectively; and

11 Whereas in 2019, in the presence of His Majesty the King of Sweden, Brian Druker was awarded
12 the Sjöberg Prize by the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences for his groundbreaking contributions
13 to cancer research; and

14 Whereas Brian Druker has established himself as Oregon's best-known scientist and as a
15 world-class leader in the fight against cancer, and he has developed a drug that has saved hundreds
16 of thousands of lives; now, therefore,

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

18 That we, the members of the Eighty-second Legislative Assembly, recognize and honor Dr. Brian
19 Druker for his leadership and service to the people of the State of Oregon and the world.

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