

Senate Concurrent Resolution 5

Sponsored by Senator GOLDEN, Representative MARSH; Representative MORGAN (Pre-session filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

In memoriam: Mary Curtis Gramley (1936-2021).

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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2 Whereas Mary Curtis Gramley was born on October 24, 1936, in Graham, North Carolina; and
3 Whereas in 1958, Mary Curtis Gramley graduated from Salem College in Winston-Salem, North
4 Carolina, and began her career as an elementary school teacher; and

5 Whereas when her youngest child started school, Mary Curtis Gramley continued her education,
6 earning an M.S. in counseling psychology in 1980 and a Ph.D. in early childhood development in
7 1988 at the University of Oregon; and

8 Whereas Mary Curtis Gramley spent a lifetime working with determination and compassion to
9 support families by creating healthy and nurturing environments for their children; and

10 Whereas from 1992 to 1999, Mary Curtis Gramley was a professor and associate dean at South-
11 ern Oregon University, where she enhanced the early childhood education program and helped to
12 create and develop the Master of Arts in Teaching program; and

13 Whereas Mary Curtis Gramley was executive director of the Court Appointed Special Advocates
14 (CASA) program in Jackson County, where she was a tireless advocate for children and families in
15 the legal system and the child welfare system; and

16 Whereas Mary Curtis Gramley was the founder and executive director of the Family Nurturing
17 Center, which began in 2004 by providing services to two families and now supports more than 2,000
18 families in southern Oregon through an array of different programs; and

19 Whereas Mary Curtis Gramley cofounded the Oasis Center of the Rogue Valley, a family-
20 centered medical clinic addressing the needs of families affected by substance use disorders; and

21 Whereas Mary Curtis Gramley belonged to many professional organizations, served on numerous
22 social services boards and commissions and wrote articles for publication focusing on children and
23 families; and

24 Whereas Mary Curtis Gramley had a hunger for helping people in need, but she had a special
25 and rare feeling for the magic of childhood, and she was fiercely committed to making the world
26 better and safer for all children; and

27 Whereas to friends, family, colleagues and the thousands of children and families she fought for,
28 Mary Curtis Gramley was a beacon of light in a world that is often full of darkness; and

29 Whereas Mary Curtis Gramley's enthusiasm and commitment were infectious, and she inspired
30 and mentored countless others; and

31 Whereas Mary Curtis Gramley understood that young children at risk are future citizens of our
32 community, and their capability to become positive members of the community depends on our in-

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1 vestment in them, individually and collectively; and

2 Whereas Mary Curtis Gramley wrote that “each child’s well-being deserves respect top to bot-
3 tom”; and

4 Whereas Mary Curtis Gramley passed away on May 17, 2021; and

5 Whereas Mary Curtis Gramley was survived by her husband, Dale, their five children, Jane,
6 Dale, Walter, Andrew and Joseph, seven grandchildren and her sister, Jane; and

7 Whereas Mary Curtis Gramley will be forever remembered as a dedicated and tireless advocate
8 for children and families whose career touched countless lives and made her community a better
9 place; now, therefore,

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

11 That we, the members of the Eighty-second Legislative Assembly, honor and celebrate the re-
12 markable life and career of Mary Curtis Gramley, and we express our gratitude for her service to
13 the people of the State of Oregon; and be it further

14 Resolved, That a copy of this resolution shall be presented to the family of Mary Curtis Gramley
15 as an expression of our sympathy and condolences.

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