

# Senate Concurrent Resolution 8

Sponsored by Senator GIROD (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: Donald C. "Don" Carey, 1925-2019.

### CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1  
2 Whereas Donald C. "Don" Carey was born on February 17, 1925, in Gates, Oregon, to Al and  
3 Velma Carey; and

4 Whereas in 1943, Don Carey graduated from Gates High School, where he excelled in sports and  
5 served as student body president; and

6 Whereas Don Carey served his country with honor and distinction during World War II in the  
7 United States Army Air Forces; and

8 Whereas Don Carey graduated from Oregon State College in 1950 and began a lifelong career  
9 in education; and

10 Whereas Don Carey married Helen Wilson in 1950, and together they raised three sons; and

11 Whereas Don Carey had an exemplary career as a teacher, counselor and coach in Stayton,  
12 Oregon; and

13 Whereas Don Carey was one of the most successful high school basketball coaches in Oregon  
14 history, leading his teams at Stayton High School to an overall record of 486-166 and winning two  
15 state championships, finishing as state runner-up three times and winning 14 Capital Conference  
16 championships; and

17 Whereas Don Carey was a gentleman on and off the basketball court, and he was renowned for  
18 his composure and civility on the sidelines, earning just two technical fouls in his coaching career;  
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20 Whereas the basketball court at Stayton High School was named Don Carey Court in 2003; and

21 Whereas Don Carey also coached golf at Stayton High School, and his teams won nine state  
22 championships, finished as state runner-up three times and won 20 Capital Conference champion-  
23 ships; and

24 Whereas Don Carey earned state coach of the year honors for basketball three times and golf  
25 four times, and in 1993 he was named the national golf coach of the year; and

26 Whereas all three of Don and Helen Carey's sons-Jon, Tom and Steve-played basketball and golf  
27 on their father's teams at Stayton High School; and

28 Whereas Don Carey taught a variety of high school classes, but his favorite was one he devel-  
29 oped and named "Conservation," which included virtually anything related to the outdoors, and the  
30 course was so popular with students that enrollment had to be restricted; and

31 Whereas Don Carey always had a soft spot for students whose behavior or background put them  
32 at risk academically or socially, and as an educator and coach he strove to provide these students

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1 with a sense of belonging and accomplishment, which brought about dramatic and positive changes  
2 in the lives of many students; and

3 Whereas Don Carey had an open-door policy at lunchtime, and his office became an informal  
4 meeting place for students to eat and have discussions in a nonthreatening environment; and

5 Whereas Don Carey maintained lifelong relationships with many of the students he taught,  
6 coached and mentored; and

7 Whereas one of Don Carey’s passions was playing fastpitch softball, and he played on many  
8 successful amateur adult teams, winning a state championship and being named to the all-state team  
9 three times at three different positions (pitcher, catcher and first base); and

10 Whereas Don Carey was an avid and lifelong sportsman, and he is forever connected to the  
11 many family members and friends who were his hunting and fishing partners in his favorite places  
12 in Oregon and the western United States; and

13 Whereas Don Carey later in his life continued to pursue wildlife but with a camera, and he re-  
14 vealed a true talent for photography, capturing the beauty of wildlife and its natural surroundings;  
15 and

16 Whereas Don Carey was named Stayton First Citizen in 1977; and

17 Whereas Don Carey passed away on March 9, 2019; and

18 Whereas Don Carey was preceded in death by his parents and four brothers; and

19 Whereas Don Carey was survived by his wife of 69 years, Helen, their three sons and numerous  
20 grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and

21 Whereas Don Carey will be forever remembered as a dedicated educator and coach who touched  
22 countless lives and made his community a better place; now, therefore,

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

24 That we, the members of the Eighty-second Legislative Assembly, celebrate the life and accom-  
25 plishments of Donald C. “Don” Carey, and we recognize and honor his contributions to the people  
26 of this state; and be it further

27 Resolved, That a copy of this resolution shall be presented to the family of Don Carey as an  
28 expression of our sympathy and condolences.

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