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Senate Concurrent Resolution 204

Sponsored by Senators WAGNER, GOLDEN, FREDERICK, MANNING JR, SMITH DB; Senator JAMA, Representatives BOWMAN, EVANS, WRIGHT (Presession filed.)

Whereas Bill Bradbury was born on May 29, 1949, in Chicago, Illinois, to William and Lorraine Bradbury; and

Whereas Bill Bradbury moved to Oregon in 1969, where he worked in the news media in Bandon, Eugene and Portland; and

Whereas Bill Bradbury's political career began when he was elected to the Oregon Legislative Assembly in 1980; and

Whereas Bill Bradbury served as a member of the House of Representatives from 1981 to 1984 and as a member of the Senate from 1985 to 1995; and

Whereas in 1981, during his first session as a member of the House of Representatives, Bill Bradbury sponsored and worked to pass legislation creating the Salmon and Trout Enhancement Program, empowering Oregonians to contribute to the recovery and sustainability of Oregon's population of native salmon and trout; and

Whereas in 1983, Bill Bradbury worked with the Oregon Community College Association to pass legislation creating Small Business Development Centers at community colleges throughout Oregon, giving entrepreneurs in Oregon their best shot at success; and

Whereas more than 40 years later, the programs created by these two crucial pieces of legislation are still enriching the lives of Oregonians today; and

Whereas Bill Bradbury was elected Senate President in 1993; and

Whereas Bill Bradbury retired from the Legislative Assembly in 1995 to fight the shrinking of salmon populations with the organization For the Sake of Salmon; and

Whereas Bill Bradbury, known then as "Mr. Fish," served as director of For the Sake of Salmon until 1999; and

Whereas in 1999, Bill Bradbury was appointed Oregon's 23rd Secretary of State by Governor John Kitzhaber; and

Whereas Bill Bradbury served as Secretary of State for a decade, with a sharp focus on improving Oregon's voting systems and establishing more transparent campaign practices; and

Whereas Bill Bradbury was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in 1981 and managed the disease through more than four decades of rigorous public service with unflagging enthusiasm and gratitude; and

Whereas Bill Bradbury ran for Governor in 2010 with a series of witty campaign ads highlighting his condition instead of hiding it; and

Whereas Bill Bradbury's efforts to improve the lives of Oregonians led to the creation of Oregon's statewide vote-by-mail system, the first in the country providing voters with easier access to voting, increased transparency and renewed faith that their votes mattered; and

Whereas Bill Bradbury also helped establish ORESTAR, Oregon's online political campaign contributions system, which makes campaign finance information easily accessible by the public; and

Whereas Bill Bradbury was a fierce champion for the environment, advocating for the preservation of watersheds and wildlife habitats, giving lectures on climate change at Oregon high schools and colleges, and serving on the Northwest Power and Conservation Council from 2010 to 2017; and

Whereas Bill Bradbury died on April 14, 2023, while enjoying a six-month cruise around the world with his wife of 36 years, Katy Eymann; and

Whereas Bill Bradbury faced all of life's challenges with hope, resilience and relentless optimism; and

Whereas Bill Bradbury leaves behind a legacy that will endure for generations to come; now, therefore,

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

That we, the members of the Eighty-second Legislative Assembly, celebrate the life and accomplishments of Bill Bradbury, and we recognize and honor his contributions to the people of this state; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution shall be presented to the family of Bill Bradbury as an expression of our great appreciation for his remarkable life of service to the State of Oregon.

Adopted by Senate February 26, 2024

Readopted by Senate March 6, 2024

Obadiah Rutledge, Secretary of Senate

Rob Wagner, President of Senate

Adopted by House March 5, 2024

Dan Rayfield, Speaker of House