

Enrolled
Senate Concurrent Resolution 205

Sponsored by Senators WAGNER, LIEBER; Senators JAMA, TAYLOR, Representative HOLVEY
(Pre-session filed.)

Whereas Dick Springer was born in Portland, Oregon, on January 25, 1948, to Joshua “Sam” and Vera Springer; and

Whereas Dick Springer first stepped into the world of politics when United States Senator Maurine Neuberger made him a Senate page as a high school sophomore in 1964, as the Senate debated what eventually became the Civil Rights Act of 1964; and

Whereas Dick Springer graduated from Cleveland High School in Portland in 1966, earned a bachelor’s degree in politics from Princeton University in 1970 and was an officer in the Reserve Officer Training Corps; and

Whereas as a lieutenant in the United States Navy for four years, Dick Springer served on the aircraft carrier U.S.S. Coral Sea, stationed off the coast of Vietnam; and

Whereas after his discharge from the Navy, Dick Springer began law school at the University of Oregon in 1974 and earned his law degree in 1978; and

Whereas Dick Springer was a deputy district attorney in Multnomah County before joining the law firm Pozzi Wilson Atchison in Portland, where he worked for 17 years; and

Whereas in 1980, Dick Springer won the first of four terms in the Oregon House of Representatives from a Portland district, rising to the chair of the House Judiciary Committee; and

Whereas Dick Springer held a seat on the board of Portland Community College from 1985 to 1988; and

Whereas in 1988, Dick Springer won the first of two terms in the Oregon Senate; and

Whereas in 1993, after the Democratic party lost four seats and lessened their majority from 20 to 16, Dick Springer became Senate Majority Leader; and

Whereas Dick Springer was a champion of the environment who served on the board of Friends of the Columbia Gorge and worked for the better part of a decade, until his retirement in 2015, on environmental issues as District Manager for the West Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District; and

Whereas Dick Springer passed away on Sunday, April 9, 2023; and

Whereas Dick Springer is survived by his companion of 20 years, Jan Coulton; his former wife, Diane Linn; two children, Josh and Tess; and two grandchildren, Madeline and Miles Springer; 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 Dick Springer, 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 Dick Springer as an expression of our sympathy and condolences.

Adopted by Senate March 4, 2024

Obadiah Rutledge, Secretary of Senate

Rob Wagner, President of Senate

Adopted by House March 7, 2024

Dan Rayfield, Speaker of House