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Senate Concurrent Resolution 211

Sponsored by Senators WAGNER, GELSER BLOUIN, Representative BOSHART DAVIS; Senators FREDERICK, GIROD, JAMA, KNOPP, MANNING JR, PROZANSKI, Representatives CATE, DIEHL, MANNIX, NELSON, PHAM K (Presession filed.)

Whereas Steve Druckenmiller was born on February 20, 1950, in Hollywood, California; and

Whereas Steve Druckenmiller moved with his family to the East Coast when he was young, and he earned a bachelor's degree in government and a law degree from Suffolk University in Boston, Massachusetts; and

Whereas Steve Druckenmiller's first job in county elections was with the Linn County Clerk's Office in 1983; and

Whereas inspired and encouraged by his mentor, former County Clerk Del Riley, who pioneered vote-by-mail in Oregon, Steve Druckenmiller constantly refined the system during his years in office and would gladly take anyone who had questions on a personal tour of his private office, explaining every detail of the vote-by-mail process; and

Whereas Steve Druckenmiller's openness and integrity turned even the staunchest vote-by-mail skeptics into supporters; and

Whereas Steve Druckenmiller supported any measure that made it easier for people to register and vote while still maintaining the integrity of elections; and

Whereas Steve Druckenmiller was proud to have overseen 141 vote-by-mail elections and 28 poll elections during his career; and

Whereas Steve Druckenmiller's office doubled as a political museum, with election signs, newspaper clippings and hundreds of campaign buttons for visitors to enjoy; and

Whereas Steve Druckenmiller was first elected Linn County Clerk in 1986, and he was the second longest-serving elected official in Linn County history, serving 37 years as clerk and 40 years in total; and

Whereas to the residents of Linn County, Steve Druckenmiller was a dedicated public servant who, across nearly 40 years as county clerk, refined vote-by-mail into an art form, and was the trusted keeper of thousands of official records, from marriage certificates to property deeds; and

Whereas to his fellow elected officials, department heads and everyone who worked with him, Steve Druckenmiller was a wise confidant, an intelligent and exacting man, and a mentor who kept a steady hand not only on the tiller of his office but on the operation and reputation of county government as a whole; and

Whereas Steve Druckenmiller was extremely proud of the meticulous care he and all of his staff took in running fair and secure elections; and

Whereas to his children and grandchildren, Steve Druckenmiller was a dad and grandfather who, when he took off his sport coat and tie at the end of the work day, enjoyed singing, telling jokes and tossing a baseball around the backyard with them; and

Whereas Steve Druckenmiller loved the people of Linn County and was deeply honored that they entrusted him to conduct elections for so long; and

Whereas Steve Druckenmiller died on Sunday, September 24, 2023, after a six-month battle with cancer; and

Whereas to his grown children, Steve Druckenmiller is best remembered as a dad who loved holidays, surprising people with special gifts, playing baseball, visiting Oregon's Enchanted Forest theme park and watching Marx Brothers comedies; and

Whereas Steve Druckenmiller was a kind, loving and generous father who approached adversity with humor and courage and passed that resilience on to his children; and

Whereas Steve Druckenmiller is survived by his daughter, Jenny Druckenmiller, her husband, Maren Peasley, and their children, Steven, Wyatt, Gideon and Noryne; his son, John Peter Altgeld Druckenmiller, and his wife, Simonne; and his sisters, Jackie Kingsley and Joanie Korman; 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 Steve Druckenmiller, 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 Steve Druckenmiller as an expression of our sympathy and condolences.

Adopted by Senate February 26, 2024

Obadiah Rutledge, Secretary of Senate

Rob Wagner, President of Senate

Adopted by House March 5, 2024

Dan Rayfield, Speaker of House