

House Concurrent Resolution 10

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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**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: Pays respect to Roger Martin for his service to this state. (Flesch Readability Score: 80.3).

Recognizes and honors former Oregon State Representative Roger Martin (1935-2023) for his service to this state.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1
2 Whereas Oregon lost one of its favorite sons with the passing of Roger Martin on June 25, 2023;
3 and

4 Whereas Roger was born in Portland, Oregon, on March 10, 1935, to Ray and Georgiana Martin,
5 and spent his youth in Portland, graduating from Central Catholic High School, where he played on
6 the state championship football team, in 1953; and

7 Whereas Roger received a bachelor's degree in history from the University of Oregon in 1957,
8 and was a proud Duck and active alum for the rest of his life; and

9 Whereas Roger served in the United States Army from 1957 to 1958 as a tank commander sta-
10 tioned at Fort Knox, Kentucky, and joined the U.S. Army Reserve from 1958 to 1963, where he
11 achieved the rank of captain; and

12 Whereas Roger served as an Oregon State Representative for Clackamas County from 1967 to
13 1978, and during his 12 years of service to the Legislative Assembly, he rose to prominence on
14 multiple occasions, first as Speaker Pro Tempore during the 1971 legislative session and then as
15 House Minority Leader from 1975 to 1978; and

16 Whereas following his legislative service, Roger spent the rest of his life working as a notable
17 lobbyist, working from 1979 until his passing in 2023 with such clients as the Oregon Transit Asso-
18 ciation, United Grocers, Hood River Distillers, Alaska Airlines, Union Pacific Railroad, the Oregon
19 Golf Association, Oregon Amusement and Music Operators, Williams Companies and the Oregon
20 Catholic Conference; and

21 Whereas as a lobbyist, Roger advocated for clients on both sides of the aisle, successfully
22 growing a nonpartisan firm that helped launch the careers of several movers and shakers in Oregon
23 politics; and

24 Whereas Roger served as the first executive director of the Oregon Transit Association in 1978,
25 helping guide the creation of Portland's MAX light rail system, which in 2024 served more than
26 76,000 riders daily; and

27 Whereas in the 1980s Roger helped bring public transit statewide, convincing his former col-
28 leagues in the Legislative Assembly to agree to multiple penny taxes on cigarettes to fund transit
29 services for every county in Oregon; and

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 Whereas Roger was a proud lifelong Republican whose easy way with people not only earned
2 him friends of all political persuasions, but also helped him get the job done when the going got
3 tough; and

4 Whereas friends and former colleagues remember Roger as a passionate mentor, an unwavering
5 ally and a generous host whose themed dinner parties at his Salem rental brought much-needed
6 levity to the often grueling work of the Legislative Assembly; and

7 Whereas Roger's steadfast commitment to Oregon was borne out by a lifetime of local associ-
8 ations, from his post-military work for his family business, Martin Electric, to his membership in the
9 Lake Oswego Rotary Club and his honorary membership in the Oregon State Penitentiary's Lifers'
10 Unlimited Club, which he earned through his dedication to prison reform in Oregon; and

11 Whereas Roger was a loving husband and proud father and is survived by his wife of 43 years,
12 Maggie Martin; three children, Chris Martin, David Martin and Kathy Martin Russick; four
13 stepchildren, Chris Larsen, Shannon Larsen Duffy, Erik Larsen and Molly Larsen Pearson; and 17
14 grandchildren; now, therefore,

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

16 That we, the members of the Eighty-third Legislative Assembly, celebrate the life and accom-
17 plishments of Roger Martin, and recognize and honor his contributions to the people of this state;
18 and be it further

19 Resolved, That a copy of this resolution shall be presented to the family of Roger Martin as an
20 expression of our sympathy and condolences.

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