

# House Concurrent Resolution 9

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## SUMMARY

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Digest: Pays respect to the life and memory of Dennis Richardson. (Flesch Readability Score: 61.3).

In memoriam: Secretary of State and former state Representative Dennis Michael Richardson, 1949-2019.

## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1  
2       Whereas Secretary of State Dennis Michael Richardson was born in Los Angeles, California, on  
3 July 30, 1949; and

4       Whereas Dennis Richardson served his country with honor and distinction as a helicopter pilot  
5 in the United States Army during the Vietnam War; and

6       Whereas Dennis Richardson was awarded the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry for his heroism in  
7 combat; and

8       Whereas Dennis Richardson received a bachelor's degree and a law degree from Brigham Young  
9 University; and

10       Whereas after law school, Dennis Richardson set up a legal practice in Central Point, Oregon;  
11 and

12       Whereas in 1984, Dennis Richardson was invited by President Ronald Reagan's administration  
13 to participate at the White House in a series of briefings for the President and his Cabinet; and

14       Whereas Dennis Richardson served as Treasurer of the Oregon Republican Party from 1999 to  
15 2003; and

16       Whereas Dennis Richardson first served in public office as a member of the Central Point City  
17 Council; and

18       Whereas in 2002, Dennis Richardson was elected to the Oregon House of Representatives as a  
19 Republican representing the people of the Fourth District; and

20       Whereas Dennis Richardson's tenure in the House of Representatives lasted six terms, and he  
21 served with distinction as Speaker Pro Tempore, Minority Whip and Co-Chair of the Joint Commit-  
22 tee on Ways and Means; and

23       Whereas Dennis Richardson was unwavering in his fight for fiscally responsible, efficient and  
24 ethical government; and

25       Whereas Dennis Richardson was the Republican candidate for Governor in 2014 after winning  
26 his party's nomination with 65 percent of the vote, and he narrowly lost the general election; and

27       Whereas Dennis Richardson was elected Secretary of State in 2016, becoming the first Republi-  
28 can to hold statewide office in Oregon since 2002 and the first Republican to be elected Secretary

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1 of State in Oregon since 1980; and

2 Whereas Dennis Richardson was deeply committed as Secretary of State to serving all  
3 Oregonians, and he eschewed party politics to emphasize accountability, transparency and integrity  
4 in state government; and

5 Whereas Dennis Richardson embraced the Secretary of State’s role as chief auditor, protecting  
6 Oregonians with tough investigations into fraud, wasteful spending and poorly run programs; and

7 Whereas Dennis Richardson passed away on February 26, 2019, surrounded by loved ones at his  
8 home in Central Point; and

9 Whereas Dennis Richardson died while serving in office as Secretary of State, working tirelessly  
10 for the people of this state; and

11 Whereas Dennis Richardson was survived by his beloved wife, Cathy, nine children and many  
12 grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and

13 Whereas Dennis Richardson was a man of faith and deeply held values, and he was renowned  
14 for his dignity, compassion and integrity; and

15 Whereas every aspect of Dennis Richardson’s personal and professional life was influenced by  
16 his motto, *pro tanto quid retribuamus*, which means “having been given much, what will you give in  
17 return?”; and

18 Whereas Dennis Richardson was a brave and wise statesman, and he will forever be remembered  
19 for his decades of dedicated public service to the State of Oregon; now, therefore,

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

21 That we, the members of the Eighty-third Legislative Assembly, honor and celebrate the re-  
22 markable life and achievements of Secretary of State and former state Representative Dennis  
23 Michael Richardson, and we express our sincere and abiding gratitude for his service to this state;  
24 and be it further

25 Resolved, That a copy of this resolution shall be presented to the family of Dennis Richardson  
26 as an expression of our sympathy and condolences.

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