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Senate Concurrent Resolution 17

Sponsored by Senator SOLLMAN, Representative MCLAIN; Senator SMITH DB

Whereas Colonel (Retired) Richard G. Kidd III, 88, a longtime resident of the Forest Grove community, passed away peacefully at his home on October 6, 2024; and

Whereas Colonel Kidd was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, veteran and community leader whose contributions to Forest Grove and beyond will be deeply missed; and

Whereas Colonel Kidd was born on February 12, 1936, in Starke, Florida, as the first of seven children in a military family; and

Whereas Colonel Kidd graduated from Narimasu High School in Tokyo, Japan, in 1954, and continued his education at Valley College and the University of California, Riverside; and

Whereas Colonel Kidd joined the United States Army in 1957, serving for a total of 32 years and attaining the rank of Colonel; and

Whereas Colonel Kidd was a veteran of the Vietnam War and received numerous honors, including multiple Bronze Star awards; and

Whereas on December 27, 1958, Colonel Kidd married Christine Fay in San Bernardino, California; and

Whereas Colonel Kidd and Christine celebrated 65 years of marriage in December 2023; and

Whereas the couple moved to Oregon in 1971, and when Colonel Kidd transitioned to the Army Reserve, they made Forest Grove their permanent home; and

Whereas Colonel Kidd was deeply engaged in community service, serving a combined 25 years on the city council and as mayor of Forest Grove, as well as on the City of Forest Grove's Planning Commission; and

Whereas Colonel Kidd's leadership extended to the Forest Grove Elks Lodge #2440, where he was an active member; and

Whereas Colonel Kidd was also a charter member of the Forest Grove Daybreak Rotary Club; and

Whereas Colonel Kidd was instrumental in establishing the City of Forest Grove's Public Arts Commission and the Historic Landmarks Board as an advisory body to the city council; and

Whereas in addition to his civic duties, Colonel Kidd was a two-time Chamber Citizen of the Year and received the Chamber's Lifetime Achievement Award in the spring of 2024; and

Whereas Colonel Kidd volunteered for 15 years with the Washington County Habitat for Humanity, serving as construction manager and board chair and founding the home repair program; and

Whereas Colonel Kidd's efforts contributed to the construction of 18 new homes, with one of the projects named "Kidd's Corner" in his honor; and

Whereas Colonel Kidd's wide-ranging interests encompassed photography, cooking, scuba diving and flying as a licensed pilot for nearly 30 years; and

Whereas Colonel Kidd enjoyed traveling with Christine, participating in the Forest Grove sister cities program and making family visits to the east coast; and

Whereas Colonel Kidd battled cancer in 2016 and entered remission for seven years before facing a return of the disease in 2023; and

Whereas despite facing health challenges in his final years, Colonel Kidd remained a pillar of strength and resilience in his family and in the Forest Grove community; and

Whereas Colonel Kidd was a loving husband and proud father and is survived by his wife of 65 years, Christine Kidd; his son, Richard IV and daughter-in-law Ruth Taylor Kidd; his grandchild, Reid Goodwin Kidd, a cadet at the United States Military Academy at West Point; and his siblings, Robert and Marjorie Kidd, Marcy Neuendorf, Michael and Judy Kidd, John Kidd and Scott Kidd; now, therefore,

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

That we, the members of the Eighty-third Legislative Assembly, celebrate the life and accomplishments of Colonel Richard G. Kidd III, and we recognize and honor him for his service to his country; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution shall be presented to the family of Colonel Richard G. Kidd III as an expression of our sympathy and condolences.

Adopted by Senate March 25, 2025

Obadiah Rutledge, Secretary of Senate

Rob Wagner, President of Senate

Adopted by House June 10, 2025

Julie Fahey, Speaker of House