

# Senate Concurrent Resolution 17

Sponsored by Senator SOLLMAN

## SUMMARY

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Digest: Honors the life and service of Colonel Richard Kidd. (Flesch Readability Score: 66.1). Celebrates the life and accomplishments of Colonel Richard Kidd (1936-2024) and honors him for his service to his country.

## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

12       Whereas Colonel Kidd was a veteran of the Vietnam War and received numerous honors, in-  
13 cluding multiple Bronze Star awards; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

30       Whereas Colonel Kidd volunteered for 15 years with the Washington County Habitat for Hu-

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1 manity, serving as construction manager and board chair and founding the home repair program;  
2 and

3       Whereas Colonel Kidd’s efforts contributed to the construction of 18 new homes, with one of the  
4 projects named “Kidd’s Corner” in his honor; and

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

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

9       Whereas Colonel Kidd battled cancer in 2016 and entered remission for seven years before fac-  
10 ing a return of the disease in 2023; and

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

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

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

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

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

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