

# Senate Concurrent Resolution 18

Sponsored by Senator PATTERSON, Representative EVANS

## 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: Honors the career of John McArdle. (Flesch Readability Score: 73.8).

Recognizes and honors John McArdle for his leadership and service to the City of Independence and the State of Oregon.

## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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2       Whereas following his election in 1998, John McArdle served as mayor of the City of Inde-  
3       pendence, Oregon, for more than 25 years; and

4       Whereas Mayor McArdle provided visionary leadership that shaped Independence's growth and  
5       enhanced the quality of life of its residents; and

6       Whereas under Mayor McArdle's steadfast leadership, Independence experienced transformative  
7       growth and progress, including the creation of the beloved Riverview Park, a treasured gathering  
8       place for community events, recreation and cultural celebrations; and

9       Whereas during Mayor McArdle's tenure, Independence became one of the smallest towns in the  
10       United States to win an All-America City Award; and

11       Whereas Mayor McArdle supported initiatives that brought additional jobs to the area, fostering  
12       economic vitality and opportunity for residents; and

13       Whereas Mayor McArdle played a pivotal role in the establishment of the Monmouth Inde-  
14       pendence Network (MINET), a groundbreaking municipal Internet provider that has positioned In-  
15       dependence as a leader in technological accessibility and connectivity; and

16       Whereas Mayor McArdle's collaboration and dedication to the vision of a free trolley system  
17       between the cities of Independence and Monmouth further enhanced regional connectivity and ac-  
18       cessibility for residents and visitors alike; and

19       Whereas Mayor McArdle actively contributed to state and regional leadership, serving on or-  
20       ganizations such as the League of Oregon Cities, the Oregon Mayors Association, the Oregon  
21       Homeland Security Council, the Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments board, the Ash  
22       Creek Water Control District board and many others, advancing the interests of Independence and  
23       of the region as a whole; and

24       Whereas as a senior fellow at the Hatfield School of Government at Portland State University,  
25       Mayor McArdle trained and mentored elected officials across Oregon, sharing his expertise and  
26       leadership skills through frequent presentations and workshops; and

27       Whereas in 2024, Mayor McArdle received the prestigious Mark O. Hatfield Statesmanship  
28       Award from the League of Oregon Cities, which honors exemplary service and lifetime achievements  
29       having a statewide impact; and

30       Whereas Mayor McArdle retired from office in December 2024; 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.

