

Senate Concurrent Resolution 25

Sponsored by Senator PATTERSON, Representatives ANDERSEN, EVANS; Representatives GOMBERG, MANNIX

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 life and memory of Ruth McEwen. (Flesch Readability Score: 71.8).

Recognizes and honors Ruth McEwen for her outstanding service to the people of the State of Oregon.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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2 Whereas Ruth McEwen was a trailblazing advocate who used her lived experience as a person
3 with a physical disability to help dismantle barriers for older adults and people with disabilities in
4 Oregon; and

5 Whereas Ruth McEwen had a distinguished career in special education, counseling and program
6 oversight, and her work spanned four decades of advocacy with NorthWest Senior and Disability
7 Services and the Oregon Association of Area Agencies on Aging and Disabilities; and

8 Whereas Ruth McEwen's tireless commitment to systemic change and equity for older adults and
9 people with disabilities helped change the landscape of Oregon's system of long term care; and

10 Whereas Ruth McEwen was instrumental in Oregon's first-in-the-nation move from institutional
11 care for seniors and people with disabilities to community-based services; and

12 Whereas Ruth McEwen's work and voice on behalf of seniors and people with disabilities in
13 Fairview, Oregon, contributed to the decision to move them to community-based care; and

14 Whereas Ruth McEwen served in numerous leadership positions on the Governors' Commission
15 on Senior Services, the Oregon Disabilities Commission, the Home Care Commission, the Senior
16 Advisory Council and Disability Advisory Council for NorthWest Senior and Disability Services and
17 a large number of workgroups and committees with the Department of Human Services; and

18 Whereas Ruth McEwen was a familiar presence in the Oregon State Capitol, bringing her ex-
19 pertise and advocacy to policy and budget discussions; and

20 Whereas Ruth McEwen's advocacy work was celebrated by countless awards and recognitions,
21 including honors from the Department of Human Services and NorthWest Senior and Disability
22 Services; and

23 Whereas Ruth McEwen was an indispensable ally to the communities for whom she advocated,
24 but to her colleagues at NorthWest Senior and Disability Services, she was family; and

25 Whereas Ruth McEwen passed away on December 25, 2024, and will be greatly missed; now,
26 therefore,

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

28 That we, the members of the Eighty-third Legislative Assembly, recognize and honor Ruth
29 McEwen for her outstanding service to the people of the State of Oregon; and be it further

30 Resolved, That a copy of this resolution shall be presented to the staff at NorthWest Senior 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 Disability Services as an expression of our sympathy and condolences.

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