

Enrolled Senate Resolution 3

Sponsored by Senator WAGNER; Senator REYNOLDS

Whereas pioneering ophthalmic surgeon Dr. Mark Terry has been the Director of Corneal Services at the Devers Eye Institute in Portland, Oregon, since 1990, and his leadership at Devers and at the Oregon Lions VisionGift Research Laboratory has improved patient outcomes and advanced medical research for three and a half decades; and

Whereas Dr. Terry is also a Professor of Clinical Ophthalmology at Oregon Health and Science University, and he has lectured extensively internationally and widely published his research work in the areas of corneal transplantation, corneal physiology, refractive surgery, dry eye and endophthalmitis; and

Whereas in 2000, Dr. Terry began the first U.S. clinical series of endothelial keratoplasty (EK), and along with the international Endothelial Keratoplasty Group, which he founded in 2002, he has continued to pioneer the further development of EK, with over 100 publications on deep lamellar endothelial keratoplasty (DLEK), descemet stripping endothelial keratoplasty (DSEK), descemet stripping automated endothelial keratoplasty (DSAEK) and descemet membrane endothelial keratoplasty (DMEK); and

Whereas Dr. Terry's groundbreaking surgical techniques and tools have transformed corneal transplantation, giving hope to patients who had resigned themselves to lifelong sightlessness; and

Whereas Dr. Terry's work with infant patient Paxton Call, who was previously believed to be destined to a life of isolation, completely transformed the young boy's life, as well as the lives of those who loved and cared for him; and

Whereas Dr. Terry's dedication to training ophthalmic surgeons worldwide has drastically improved eye care in communities around the globe and ensured the methods he has developed will continue to enhance quality of life for vision-challenged patients for generations to come; and

Whereas driven by his pediatrician father before him, who showed him the meaning of compassionate care, as well as by his dedication to his special needs son, Nicholas, Dr. Terry has built empathy into the core of every single one of his patient relationships, setting an example for all medical professionals working with patients with disabilities; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Oregon:

That we, the members of the Senate of the Eighty-third Legislative Assembly, commend Dr. Mark Terry for his unrivaled contributions to ophthalmology and medical research; and be it further

Resolved, That we recognize and celebrate his pioneering advancements in corneal transplantation and his lasting impact on vision restoration and public health in Oregon and around the globe.

Adopted by Senate May 19, 2025

Obadiah Rutledge, Secretary of Senate

Rob Wagner, President of Senate