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House Concurrent Resolution 7

Sponsored by Representatives AVAKIAN, RICHARDSON, Senator BROWN; Representatives ACKERMAN, BARKER, BARNHART, BERGER, BOQUIST, BRUUN, BUCKLEY, BURLEY, DINGFELDER, GALIZIO, GARRARD, HOLVEY, HUNT, JENSON, KITTS, KRIEGER, MACPHERSON, NOLAN, OLSON, RILEY, ROBLAN, ROSENBAUM, SCHAUFLEER, SHIELDS, Senators BEYER, BURDICK, CARTER, JOHNSON, PROZANSKI, RINGO

Whereas Oregon was founded upon the belief that all power is inherent in the people and that free governments are instituted for the purpose of exercising this power for the peace, safety and happiness of the people; and

Whereas Oregonians authorize state government to realize the goals of peace, safety and happiness through its three equal branches of power -- the legislative branch, executive branch and judicial branch; and

Whereas each branch of state government endeavors to realize the will of the people in the exercise of its assigned duties by embracing and celebrating a representative governance that is dependent upon democracy and protective of freedom; and

Whereas the jury is an integral part of Oregon's judicial branch and a fundamental right of all who come before a criminal or civil court seeking justice; and

Whereas the jury embodies the awesome power of democracy, and each year thousands of Oregonians serve the people and provide for the peace, safety and happiness of all Oregonians by participating in the judicial branch as jurors; and

Whereas without the willingness of Oregonians to serve as jurors and execute their service in thoughtful consideration, Oregon could not fulfill its obligation to provide justice by the power of the people for the peace, safety and happiness of all Oregonians; and

Whereas it is necessary and proper to thank those who serve as jurors in Oregon and to encourage Oregonians to serve when called because jurors protect our form of governance and exemplify the beauty of democracy; now, therefore,

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

That we, the members of the Seventy-third Legislative Assembly, express our gratitude to all the people of Oregon who serve on juries in service to their state and fellow Oregonians; and be it further

Resolved, That we declare May 2 to 8, 2005, Jury Appreciation Week in Oregon.

Adopted by House March 16, 2005

Chief Clerk of House

Speaker of House

Adopted by Senate April 28, 2005

President of Senate