

House Concurrent Resolution 7

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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**.

Declares May 2 to 8, 2005, as Jury Appreciation Week in Oregon.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

5 Whereas Oregonians authorize state government to realize the goals of peace, safety and hap-
6 piness through its three equal branches of power -- the legislative branch, executive branch and ju-
7 dicial branch; and

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

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

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

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

19 Whereas it is necessary and proper to thank those who serve as jurors in Oregon and to en-
20 courage Oregonians to serve when called because jurors protect our form of governance and exem-
21 plify the beauty of democracy; now, therefore,

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

22 That we, the members of the Seventy-third Legislative Assembly, express our gratitude to all the
23 people of Oregon who serve on juries in service to their state and fellow Oregonians; and be it
24 further
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26 Resolved, That we declare May 2 to 8, 2005, Jury Appreciation Week in Oregon.
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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.