

House Concurrent Resolution 12

Sponsored by Representative SHIELDS (at the request of Michael Davoli)

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**.

Congratulates and thanks Schoolhouse Supplies, staff and volunteers for hard work and making Oregon great place.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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2 Whereas Schoolhouse Supplies, a sponsored project of the Portland Schools Foundation, is a
3 nonprofit free store filled with a huge assortment of classroom supplies for public school teachers
4 in Portland, Oregon; and

5 Whereas Schoolhouse Supplies serves classrooms in need by operating a volunteer-run free store
6 for teachers, stocked with supplies donated by the community; and

7 Whereas since opening in January 2000, Schoolhouse Supplies has grown from serving 11
8 schools to serving all 130 Portland Public Schools and has distributed supplies with an estimated
9 retail value of more than \$4 million; and

10 Whereas Schoolhouse Supplies is an award-winning program that offers a unique way for busi-
11 nesses to help thousands of students in need and receive a tax benefit by reusing their surplus
12 products, thereby diverting the surplus from Oregon landfills; and

13 Whereas Schoolhouse Supplies is supported by the generous financial, volunteer and in-kind
14 support of the community and invites all Oregonians to become part of its growing base of commu-
15 nity supporters; and

16 Whereas Schoolhouse Supplies is a place of support and inspiration for teachers who regularly
17 spend hundreds of dollars each year of their own money to purchase classroom materials that stu-
18 dents and strained school budgets cannot provide; and

19 Whereas the volunteer base of teachers, youth groups, community members and corporate part-
20 ners helps Schoolhouse Supplies with needs in its warehouse and by providing professional and in-
21 kind services; and

22 Whereas Schoolhouse Supplies also serves outlying schools and programs and other area
23 nonprofit groups, such as the Housing Authority of Portland, Self-Enhancement, Inc., the Parry
24 Center and The Salvation Army, through its Pick-Up Partners Program by allowing these groups to
25 earn shopping trips at the Schoolhouse Supplies warehouse by picking up and delivering donations
26 to the warehouse; and

27 Whereas between January 2000 and February 2005, Schoolhouse Supplies distributed goods with
28 an estimated value of more than \$4.2 million and provided more than 365,000 pencils and 94,000
29 books to Oregon classrooms; and

30 Whereas between January 2000 and February 2005, Schoolhouse Supplies had more than 11,000
31 teacher visits, more than 23,000 volunteer hours worked and more than 750 individual and corporate

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1 donors; and

2 Whereas Schoolhouse Supplies is a shining example of community involvement in our schools
3 that should be replicated across the state and nation; and

4 Whereas the people who have made Schoolhouse Supplies such a success should be honored and
5 thanked for their hard work and dedication to the children of Oregon; now, therefore,

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

7 That we, the members of the Seventy-third Legislative Assembly, congratulate Schoolhouse
8 Supplies and its staff and volunteers for all of their hard work and thank them all for helping make
9 Oregon the great place that it is.

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