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House Concurrent Resolution 17

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Whereas Richard O. "Dick" Eymann was in the vanguard of Oregon's 20th century civic leaders; and

Whereas Dick distinguished himself as an airman in the South Pacific during World War II, and went on to earn a scholarship and graduate with a master's degree in business administration from Dartmouth College; and

Whereas Dick was recruited from Dartmouth College to an executive post with Weyerhaeuser Company's largest lumber processing operation, located in Springfield, Oregon; and

Whereas Dick began his lifelong commitment to volunteer work as a founding member of McKenzie-Willamette Memorial Hospital; and

Whereas Dick went on to serve as one of the founding executives of Lane Community College; and

Whereas Dick served as Executive Secretary of the Oregon State Tax Commission under Governor Robert D. Holmes; and

Whereas Dick began his legislative service in the Oregon House of Representatives in 1957, service that was to culminate with his election as Speaker of the House in the Fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly (1973); and

Whereas under Dick's leadership, the Fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly has been recognized as one of Oregon's most productive legislative sessions, passing landmark legislation that included Oregon's land use planning law, the Public Employee Collective Bargaining Act, the open meetings and public records laws, the reporter Shield Law, the Open Date Labeling Law, the Special Education Program, and laws requiring the immunization of school children, limiting campaign expenditures, lowering the voting age from 21 to 18, extending protections against housing discrimination based on sex or marital status and strengthening the Residential Landlord and Tenant Act; and

Whereas under Dick's leadership, Oregon was among the first states to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment and corrected its long-neglected failure to ratify the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution; and

Whereas Dick, as Speaker of the House, worked to maintain the Legislative Assembly's place as a coequal branch of state government, bringing administrative efficiencies to the legislature by installing electronic voting in the House of Representatives, initiating full-time staffing for the legislative leadership offices and caucus offices, transferring control of the State Capitol Building from the executive branch to the Legislative Assembly, creating the offices now known as Legislative Revenue, Committee Services, Information Systems, and Legislative Media, and initiating the planning that resulted in construction of the new Capitol office wings; and

Whereas upon retiring from the legislature, Dick returned to sheep farming but did not retire from public service; and

Whereas Dick, in a search for affordable electric power for his Lane County neighbors, was a driving force in the formation of the Emerald People's Utility District; and

Whereas Dick continued to serve the public as a board member of the Emerald People's Utility District for 26 years until retiring in 2004, while also providing regional and national leadership in public power issues; and

Whereas Dick and his wife, Juanita, are the proud parents of eight children: Richard, Ramona, Patricia, Carol, Kathleen, Deborah, Rebecca and Penelope; and

Whereas after raising their eight children, Dick and Juanita opened their home to 19 foster children; and

Whereas Dick committed his life to public service in the best tradition of civic participation, a commitment fully shared by his wife, Juanita; and

Whereas we, the members of the Seventy-third Legislative Assembly, wish to recognize Dick's public leadership and commitment to the betterment of our state; now, therefore,

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

That we, the members of the Seventy-third Legislative Assembly, recognize, honor and express our state's gratitude to Richard O. Eymann for his tireless commitment to bettering the lives of his fellow citizens and serving his community and state; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution shall be presented to Richard O. Eymann, to his wife, Juanita Eymann, and to each of their eight children, as an expression of our esteem and appreciation.

Adopted by House June 14, 2005

Chief Clerk of House

Speaker of House

Adopted by Senate June 30, 2005

President of Senate