

# House Concurrent Resolution 17

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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**.

Honors Richard O. Eymann for legislative leadership and lifelong public service.

## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1  
2 Whereas Richard O. "Dick" Eymann was in the vanguard of Oregon's 20th century civic leaders;  
3 and

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

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

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

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

13 Whereas Dick served as Executive Secretary of the Oregon State Tax Commission under Gov-  
14 ernor Robert D. Holmes; and

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

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

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

**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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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