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House Resolution 5

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT

Whereas former member of the Oregon House of Representatives Cecil Johnson died January 8, 2005, at 87 years of age; and

Whereas Cecil Johnson was a descendant of former judge, state Representative and state Senator William Johnson, who represented Josephine County in the Oregon House of Representatives in 1935 and Oregon Senate in 1937; and

Whereas Cecil Johnson was a graduate of Grants Pass High School in 1936 and served in the Oregon National Guard during World War II; and

Whereas Cecil Johnson was married to Arlene Johnson for 65 years; and

Whereas Cecil Johnson, when he was 17 years of age, started a dairy with his family that grew to become Valley Rogue Guernsey Farms, known for breeding registered Guernseys; and

Whereas Cecil Johnson served the people of Oregon as state Representative for Josephine County from 1975 to 1981; and

Whereas Cecil Johnson took the lead on agricultural issues, worked hard to protect family farms and was a fierce proponent of property rights; and

Whereas Cecil Johnson was widely admired in the agriculture community and served as chairperson of the State Board of Agriculture and as president of the Oregon Dairy Council and the Oregon Dairyman's Association; and

Whereas Cecil Johnson always believed that governance of the state is more important than partisan politics and that the art of cooperation is also the art of statesmanship and maintained an affable relationship with members of both parties while serving as a state Representative; and

Whereas Cecil Johnson made many other contributions to his community; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Oregon:

That we, the members of the Seventy-third Legislative Assembly, mourn the passing of former state Representative Cecil Johnson, extend our condolences to his family and express our sincere appreciation for his honest hard work, sense of fairness and generous help to others without concern for recognition or recompense; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution shall be presented to Cecil Johnson's wife, Arlene, his brother, Wilbur, his son, Jeff Johnson, his daughters, Susan Condray and Sharon Pasko, and his seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren, as an expression of the esteem in which we hold the memory of former state Representative Cecil Johnson.

Adopted by House May 17, 2005

Chief Clerk of House

Speaker of House