# **Senate Concurrent Resolution 205**

Sponsored by Senators WAGNER, LIEBER; Senators JAMA, TAYLOR (Presession filed.)

## 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**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: Honors the life and memory of Dick Springer. (Flesch Readability Score: 71.8). In memoriam: Dick Springer, 1948-2023.

#### CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 Whereas Dick Springer was born in Portland, Oregon, on January 25, 1948, to Joshua "Sam" and 3 Vera Springer; and

4 Whereas Dick Springer first stepped into the world of politics when United States Senator 5 Maurine Neuberger made him a Senate page as a high school sophomore in 1964, as the Senate de-6 bated what eventually became the Civil Rights Act of 1964; and

7 Whereas Dick Springer graduated from Cleveland High School in Portland in 1966, earned a 8 bachelor's degree in politics from Princeton University in 1970 and was an officer in the Reserve

9 Officer Training Corps; and

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Whereas as a lieutenant in the United States Navy for four years, Dick Springer served on the aircraft carrier U.S.S. Coral Sea, stationed off the coast of Vietnam; and

Whereas after his discharge from the Navy, Dick Springer began law school at the University of Oregon in 1974 and earned his law degree in 1978; and

Whereas Dick Springer was a deputy district attorney in Multnomah County before joining the law firm Pozzi Wilson Atchison in Portland, where he worked for 17 years; and

Whereas in 1980, Dick Springer won the first of four terms in the Oregon House of Representatives from a Portland district, rising to the chair of the House Judiciary Committee; and

18 Whereas Dick Springer held a seat on the board of Portland Community College from 1985 to
19 1988; and

20 Whereas in 1988, Dick Springer won the first of two terms in the Oregon Senate; and

Whereas in 1993, after the Democratic party lost four seats and lessened their majority from 20 to 16, Dick Springer became Senate Majority Leader; and

23 Whereas Dick Springer was a champion of the environment who served on the board of Friends 24 of the Columbia Gorge and worked for the better part of a decade, until his retirement in 2015, on 25 environmental issues as District Manager for the West Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation

26 District; and

27 Whereas Dick Springer passed away on Sunday, April 9, 2023; and

28 Whereas Dick Springer is survived by his companion of 20 years, Jan Coulton; his former wife,

29 Diane Linn; two children, Josh and Tess; and two grandchildren, Madeline and Miles Springer; now,

30 therefore,

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

**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.

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- 1 That we, the members of the Eighty-second Legislative Assembly, celebrate the life and accom-
- 2 plishments of Dick Springer, and we recognize and honor his contributions to the people of this
- 3 state; and be it further
- Resolved, That a copy of this resolution shall be presented to the family of Dick Springer as an
  expression of our sympathy and condolences.

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