WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:
Designates March 22 of each year as Tom McCall Day to commemorate Governor McCall and encourage school districts to educate children about his legacy.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:
- Life of Tom McCall
- Service to state as Governor
- Policy initiatives led by Governor McCall
- Oregon Historical Society’s service-learning curriculum titled “Tom McCall: A Better Oregon”

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:
No amendment.

BACKGROUND:
Born March 22, 1913, and serving from 1967 to 1975, Governor Thomas Lawson “Tom” McCall’s time as Governor of Oregon is still remembered as an era of great progress and innovation, especially in the preservation and enhancement of the quality of life of Oregonians.

Oregonians still benefit from many of the breakthroughs achieved under Governor McCall’s leadership, including the Beach and Bottle Bills. The Oregon Historical Society hosts a service-learning curriculum titled “Tom McCall: A Better Oregon” that offers teachers a number of resources to engage their students in learning about this transformational leader and his lasting legacy. It emphasizes that engagement in civic and community affairs is the foundation on which our democracy is built, and learning about achievements of past leaders is one of the best ways to equip the people to strive for similar achievements in the future.

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