

HCR 212 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Barreto

House Committee On Rules

Action Date: 02/13/18

Action: Be Adopted.

Vote: 8-0-1-0

Yeas: 8 - Barreto, Kennemer, McLane, Nosse, Rayfield, Smith Warner, Williamson, Wilson

Exc: 1 - Holvey

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Recognizes and honors former state Representative Bob Jenson for his service to Oregon.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Life and achievements of Representative Bob Jenson
- Legacy of civility and wisdom he leaves to the Capitol
- Representative Jenson's love for his family and eastern Oregon

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Representative Robert "Bob" Jenson passed away on January 6, 2018, surrounded by his family having completed a life well-lived.

Born on May 11, 1931, in Omaha, Nebraska, to Charles and Oral Jenson, Representative Bob Jenson's life and career were grounded in public service. First, as a soldier, enlisting in the United States Air Force where he served for four years. Second, as teacher, where for more than 30 years he educated the next generation, starting as a high school teacher and then for 26 years as a professor of history at Blue Mountain Community College. Third, as an elected official, serving his eastern Oregon community, and all of Oregon, in the House of Representatives.

For 18 years, Representative Jenson served the people of Umatilla, Morrow, Union, and Wallowa counties, first as a Democrat, then an Independent, and finishing his career as a Republican. During his tenure he worked tirelessly on behalf of his community; always ensuring the voices of eastern Oregon were heard throughout the Capitol. He led the crafting of legislation to improve Oregon's education system, services to seniors, access to mental health care, water resources, and agricultural laws.

He shared his life with his wife of 46 years, Evelyn; four children; 11 grandchildren; and 13 great grandchildren. And his beloved dogs.

Representative Bob Jenson was a man of the highest caliber; a man of integrity, wisdom, and kindness. He leaves behind a legacy - as an educator, public servant, a statesman, a father and husband - that he made Oregon a better place for all.