

# House Concurrent Resolution 212

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON RULES (at the request of Representative Greg Barreto)

## 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**.

In memoriam: Former state Representative Robert Eugene "Bob" Jenson, 1931-2018.

## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1  
2       Whereas Robert Eugene "Bob" Jenson was born in Omaha, Nebraska, on May 11, 1931, to  
3 Charles and Oral Jenson; and

4       Whereas Bob Jenson served his country for four years in the United States Air Force and was  
5 awarded the National Defense Service Medal and Good Conduct Medal; and

6       Whereas Bob Jenson graduated from Montana State University in 1967 with a master's degree  
7 in sociology and United States history; and

8       Whereas Bob Jenson met his future wife, Evelyn Bruns, at a teachers' training course in  
9 Colorado, and they were married on November 12, 1971; and

10       Whereas Bob Jenson taught high school for four years and was a history professor at Blue  
11 Mountain Community College for 26 years until his retirement in 1993; and

12       Whereas Bob Jenson served as a delegate to the White House Conference on Families in 1980  
13 and was an Eastern Oregon Regional Airport Commissioner from 1988 to 1996 and a member of the  
14 Pendleton Transportation Plan Advisory Committee from 1995 to 1996; and

15       Whereas in 1996, Bob Jenson was elected to the Oregon House of Representatives, where in the  
16 course of his career he represented the people of Umatilla, Morrow, Union and Wallowa Counties,  
17 first from House District 57 and later from House District 58; and

18       Whereas Bob Jenson chaired and served on nine major committees during his 18 years of ser-  
19 vice, lending his leadership and expertise to major legislation related to education, senior services,  
20 mental health, water resources and agriculture; and

21       Whereas Bob Jenson had the distinction of being elected from his district once as a Democrat,  
22 once as an Independent and seven times as a Republican and was renowned as a voice of moderation  
23 and civility in the House of Representatives; and

24       Whereas Bob Jenson was widely respected by his colleagues for his intelligence, courage and  
25 integrity; and

26       Whereas at the time of his retirement in 2015, Bob Jenson was the longest-serving member of  
27 the House of Representatives, holding the honorary title of Dean of the House; and

28       Whereas Bob Jenson served as president of the Peace Lutheran Church council and as chairman  
29 of the local Gideons International chapter; and

30       Whereas Bob Jenson was an avid card player who earned the distinction of being a Life Master  
31 in bridge; and

32       Whereas in retirement Bob Jenson enjoyed spending time at his family's cabin in Lostine,

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1 Oregon, reading (especially history), going on Alaskan fishing trips and watching sports; and

2 Whereas Bob and Evelyn Jenson lived in Pendleton, Oregon, for nearly 50 years; and

3 Whereas Bob Jenson passed away on January 6, 2018, surrounded by his family at his Pendleton  
4 home; and

5 Whereas Bob Jenson is survived by his beloved wife, Evelyn Jenson, his four children and their  
6 spouses, Robert and Delores Jenson, Linda and Victor Gehling, Charles and Patti Jenson and Carol  
7 and Jim Aldrich, 11 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren; and

8 Whereas Bob Jenson will be remembered as a true gentleman, a great statesman and a selfless  
9 and dedicated public servant; now, therefore,

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

11 That we, the members of the Seventy-ninth Legislative Assembly, honor the life and accom-  
12 plishments of Bob Jenson and express our gratitude for his contributions to the people of this state;  
13 and be it further

14 Resolved, That a copy of this resolution shall be presented to the family of Bob Jenson as an  
15 expression of our sympathy and condolences.

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