

House Concurrent Resolution 205

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON RULES (at the request of Representative Brian Clem)

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: Mike Swaim, 1943-2019.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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2 Whereas the Honorable Mike Swaim, who served three terms as Mayor of Salem, Oregon, from
3 January 1997 to December 2002, passed away on December 17, 2019; and

4 Whereas Mike Swaim was a deeply respected leader who made Oregon his home and loved his
5 community for both its history and its future, and he worked actively to improve the quality of life
6 for all; and

7 Whereas Mike Swaim used his unmatched skills as a lawyer to stand up for everyday people and
8 to defend the rights of all citizens who needed their voices to be heard; and

9 Whereas Mike Swaim was not afraid to speak up, and he had the courage to stand by his con-
10 victions while working across party lines, building coalitions and earning the respect of his oppo-
11 nents; and

12 Whereas Mike Swaim was a passionate conservationist who understood the special meaning of
13 Oregon's natural wonders, and he sought to protect this heritage for future generations; and

14 Whereas Mike Swaim boldly and successfully fought to save the ancient old growth forest and
15 mighty waterfalls of Opal Creek, forever preserving this treasure for all to enjoy; and

16 Whereas during his tenure as mayor, Mike Swaim championed the city's livability while pro-
17 moting smart growth and valuing community initiatives that could be enjoyed by all segments of the
18 population, including development of the Salem Convention Center, Marion Square Skateboard Park
19 and Riverfront Park, creation of the Salem Outreach Shelter and founding of Salem Self-Help
20 Housing; and

21 Whereas Mike Swaim spearheaded the passage of city ordinances that prohibit discrimination
22 in housing, employment and public accommodations based on sexual orientation or gender identity,
23 fostered the creation of Salem Peace Plaza and Peace Wall, founded the Community Coalition for
24 Affirmative Action and was a founding member of the Nellie Thompson-Dorothy Patch Scholarship
25 Fund; and

26 Whereas Mike Swaim always sought to lift those around him, to serve through dedicated and
27 transparent leadership and to engage in the community with love and understanding; and

28 Whereas Mike Swaim and his wife Kellie—his high school sweetheart and partner in life, with-
29 out whom many of his accomplishments would not have been possible—made many sacrifices and
30 were together devoted to always doing their best for those they served while remaining true to their
31 core values; now, therefore,

32 **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 Eightieth Legislative Assembly, recognize former Mayor of Salem
2 Mike Swaim for his dedicated service to the City of Salem and the State of Oregon, and we honor
3 the legacy he leaves behind as a champion of human rights, social justice and environmental con-
4 servation.

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