

# Senate Concurrent Resolution 20

Sponsored by Senators FREDERICK, ANDERSON

## SUMMARY

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Digest: Honors OIMB for 100 years of marine research and service to Oregon and the world. (Flesch Readability Score: 61.8).

Recognizes and honors the Oregon Institute of Marine Biology for a century of leadership in marine research and service to the State of Oregon, the United States and all maritime nations.

## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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2       Whereas the Oregon Institute of Marine Biology at the University of Oregon (OIMB) celebrated  
3 its centennial anniversary in August 2024; and

4       Whereas 100 years after its 1924 establishment as a humble tent encampment on the Pacific  
5 Coast, OIMB now sits on the forefront of marine research and restoration, with more than 20  
6 cutting-edge buildings and facilities on its campus; and

7       Whereas based on a report from the University's science faculty praising the seashore south of  
8 Coos Bay for its remarkable opportunities for marine studies, University President Prince Lucien  
9 Campbell in 1907 recommended to the State Board of Regents that they establish a marine labora-  
10 tory near Coos Bay that would ultimately go on to become a world-class research and teaching  
11 destination for scientists and students from across the United States; and

12       Whereas the University began regular summer field courses at Sunset Bay, south of Charleston,  
13 Oregon, in 1924, in collaboration with professors and students at Oregon Agricultural College; and

14       Whereas in 1931, University President Arnold Bennett Hall established OIMB as a permanent  
15 marine laboratory located on 100 acres of the Coos Head Military Reserve in Charleston, with the  
16 aid of the Coos County Commissioners, Judge James T. Brand and United States President Herbert  
17 Hoover; and

18       Whereas classes at the laboratory in Charleston were taught exclusively in the summer until  
19 1966, when the campus began functioning as a year-round research facility, and courses were de-  
20 veloped for fall, spring and summer terms soon after; and

21       Whereas OIMB has developed a worldwide reputation for state-of-the-art studies in marine  
22 zoology, botany, physiology and conservation biology; and

23       Whereas OIMB operates a small fleet of research vessels that supports teaching, diving oper-  
24 ations and ocean monitoring for state and federal programs; and

25       Whereas OIMB provides first-rate facilities and resources for visiting researchers from  
26 throughout the United States and abroad; and

27       Whereas the South Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve, the first federally protected  
28 estuary in the United States, was founded in Charleston to aid in the important ecological studies  
29 being conducted at OIMB; and

30       Whereas the University of Oregon's first professor of biology, Fredrick Washburn, successfully

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1 transplanted east-coast oysters to Coos Bay and Newport Bay and published landmark papers on the  
2 biology of oysters in 1902; and

3 Whereas OIMB researchers use sophisticated methods to study the diets of marine animals, ap-  
4 plying these studies to critical and timely environmental issues; and

5 Whereas OIMB researchers have been commended for excellence in the study of embryology and  
6 the biology and ecology of microscopic larval forms; and

7 Whereas OIMB researchers have aided greatly in our understanding of the diversity of lesser-  
8 known invertebrate animals using genetic methods and careful anatomical studies and continue to  
9 increase our knowledge of the faunal diversity off the Oregon Coast and beyond; and

10 Whereas OIMB's discovery that invasive species are transported in the ballast water of cargo  
11 ships has been recognized worldwide and has led to the establishment of crucial regulations and  
12 agencies in virtually all maritime nations; and

13 Whereas dozens of books and thousands of scientific papers in the most prestigious marine re-  
14 search journals have been published by scientists affiliated with OIMB; and

15 Whereas research conducted by OIMB students and faculty now extends to regions all across  
16 the world, including the Antarctic Ocean, the Indian Ocean, the waters surrounding Central Amer-  
17 ica and the Gulf of Mexico, the Caribbean Sea, the Mediterranean Sea, the North Atlantic Ocean,  
18 the Arctic Ocean, the North and South Pacific Ocean and Alaska, and to all regions of the deep sea,  
19 from continental shelves to hadal trenches; and

20 Whereas in 2005, OIMB established a rigorous marine biology major, the first in the Pacific  
21 Northwest, that has now grown to nearly 400 students and attracts students not only from Oregon,  
22 but from all across the world; and

23 Whereas in 2016, OIMB established a public museum and aquarium, the Charleston Marine Life  
24 Center, that has become a top draw for locals and tourists alike, and that offers hands-on instruction  
25 to prekindergarten and school-aged children throughout southern Oregon; and

26 Whereas for over 100 years, dedicated researchers, faculty and staff have continued to honor the  
27 University of Oregon's commitment to putting students first by building a community of learners  
28 who positively impact the lives of those around them with a focus on serving the greater good; now,  
29 therefore,

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

31 That we, the members of the Eighty-third Legislative Assembly, commemorate the 100th anni-  
32 versary of the Oregon Institute of Marine Biology and congratulate the University of Oregon and  
33 its alumni on a century of leadership in marine research and service to the State of Oregon, the  
34 United States and all maritime nations.

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