

Senate Concurrent Resolution 204

Sponsored by Senators WAGNER, GOLDEN; Senator JAMA (Pre-session filed.)

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**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: Honors the life and memory of Bill Bradbury. (Flesch Readability Score: 61.2).
In memoriam: Bill Bradbury, 1949-2023.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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2 Whereas Bill Bradbury was born on May 29, 1949, in Chicago, Illinois, to William and Lorraine
3 Bradbury; and

4 Whereas Bill Bradbury moved to Oregon in 1969, where he worked in the news media in Bandon,
5 Eugene and Portland; and

6 Whereas Bill Bradbury's political career began when he was elected to the Oregon Legislative
7 Assembly in 1980; and

8 Whereas Bill Bradbury served as a member of the House of Representatives from 1981 to 1984
9 and as a member of the Senate from 1985 to 1995; and

10 Whereas Bill Bradbury was elected Senate President in 1993; and

11 Whereas Bill Bradbury retired from the Legislative Assembly in 1995 to fight the shrinking of
12 salmon populations with the organization For the Sake of Salmon; and

13 Whereas Bill Bradbury, known then as "Mr. Fish," served as director of For the Sake of Salmon
14 until 1999; and

15 Whereas in 1999, Bill Bradbury was appointed Oregon's 23rd Secretary of State by Governor
16 John Kitzhaber; and

17 Whereas Bill Bradbury served as Secretary of State for a decade, with a sharp focus on im-
18 proving Oregon's voting systems and establishing more transparent campaign practices; and

19 Whereas Bill Bradbury was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in 1981 and managed the disease
20 through more than four decades of rigorous public service with unflagging enthusiasm and gratitude;
21 and

22 Whereas Bill Bradbury ran for Governor in 2010 with a series of witty campaign ads highlight-
23 ing his condition instead of hiding it; and

24 Whereas Bill Bradbury's efforts to improve the lives of Oregonians led to the creation of
25 Oregon's statewide vote-by-mail system, the first in the country providing voters with easier access
26 to voting, increased transparency and renewed faith that their votes mattered; and

27 Whereas Bill Bradbury also helped establish ORESTAR, Oregon's online political campaign
28 contributions system, which makes campaign finance information easily accessible by the public; and

29 Whereas Bill Bradbury was a fierce champion for the environment, advocating for the preser-
30 vation of watersheds and wildlife habitats, giving lectures on climate change at Oregon high schools
31 and colleges, and serving on the Northwest Power and Conservation Council from 2010 to 2017; and

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1 Whereas Bill Bradbury died on April 14, 2023, while enjoying a six-month cruise around the
2 world with his wife of 36 years, Katy Eymann; and

3 Whereas Bill Bradbury faced all of life's challenges with hope, resilience and relentless opti-
4 mism; and

5 Whereas Bill Bradbury leaves behind a legacy that will endure for generations to come; now,
6 therefore,

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

8 That we, the members of the Eighty-second Legislative Assembly, celebrate the life and accom-
9 plishments of Bill Bradbury, and we recognize and honor his contributions to the people of this
10 state; and be it further

11 Resolved, That a copy of this resolution shall be presented to the family of Bill Bradbury as an
12 expression of our great appreciation for his remarkable life of service to the State of Oregon.

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