

**Enrolled**  
**Senate Concurrent Resolution 22**

Sponsored by Senator STEINER HAYWARD, Representative GREENLICK (at the request of Tuck Wilson)

Whereas Oregonian Gary Braasch dedicated his life's work as a photojournalist to photographing and protecting the natural world and presenting the effects of climate change; and

Whereas through his instantly accessible photographs, Gary Braasch brought people around the world to a better understanding of the present and future significance of the earth's warming; and

Whereas Gary Braasch traveled extensively to document how climate change affects ecosystems around the world and was best known for his series of images, captured across the globe, that depict rising tides and receding glaciers over time; and

Whereas Gary Braasch's photographs illustrate his 2009 book *Earth Under Fire: How Global Warming is Changing the World* and have been exhibited by the project he founded, World View of Global Warming, and published in major magazines such as National Geographic, Life, Audubon and The New York Times Magazine; and

Whereas in his quest to make climate change understandable to people of all ages, Gary Braasch also co-authored a children's book, *How We Know What We Know About Our Changing Climate*; and

Whereas in October 2016, Gary Braasch's annotated images were exhibited in the Capitol in Salem during the statewide World View of Global Warming Exhibit Week and continue to be available on World View of Global Warming's website; and

Whereas Gary Braasch was described by a researcher and colleague as a man who had "inspired millions of people to both conserve and love the natural resources of our planet"; and

Whereas Gary Braasch died in March 2016, the same month in which the Legislative Assembly passed legislation that will make Oregon the first state in the nation to phase out electricity made from coal; and

Whereas although he did not live to see the legislation's curbing effect on greenhouse gas emissions, Gary Braasch would have been heartened by his state's commitment to the world we live in; now, therefore,

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

That we, the members of the Seventy-ninth Legislative Assembly, recognize and express our appreciation for Gary Braasch's dedicated commitment to the issue of climate change and his life's work on behalf of the planet.

Adopted by Senate April 6, 2017

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Lori L. Brocker, Secretary of Senate

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Peter Courtney, President of Senate

Adopted by House June 13, 2017

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Tina Kotek, Speaker of House