

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 201

Whereas Brady Adams was born on February 28, 1945, in Vanport, Oregon, and was raised by a single mother, and graduated from North Salem High School in 1963; and

Whereas Brady Adams married Patricia Jean Adams in 1965 in Salem, Oregon; and

Whereas Brady Adams worked his way through college, earning a bachelor's degree in business from Portland State University in 1969; and

Whereas in 1971 Brady Adams moved to Grants Pass, Oregon, to take a job as a loan officer, and eventually became president of Evergreen Federal Bank in 1988; and

Whereas Brady Adams was first elected to the Oregon Legislative Assembly in 1992 and served two terms; and

Whereas Brady Adams served as President of the Senate for the 1997 and 1999 legislative sessions; and

Whereas Brady Adams dedicated himself to a wide variety of charitable efforts, serving on the boards of more than 20 nonprofit organizations and leading more than 50 community projects; and

Whereas Brady Adams' political efforts were concentrated on reducing government spending, overseeing the state budget, passing Oregon's "kicker" law that sent taxpayers refund checks and pushing for tax credits for the poor; and

Whereas Brady Adams was a creative and dedicated public benefactor, establishing BearFest in 2003, a festival of decorated fiberglass bear statues in downtown Grants Pass that are auctioned off for charity, and Evergreen Federal Bank's Bear Hotel, which is used to store public artwork and provide space for local artists and community events; and

Whereas Brady Adams championed other public improvement and art projects, and had a role in restoring libraries to Josephine County and restoring the riverfront in downtown Grants Pass; and

Whereas Brady Adams was a devoted husband and father who valued time with his family; and

Whereas Brady Adams passed away on April 6, 2015, and is survived by his wife Patricia, his son Theodore, his daughter Jennifer and his grandson Samuel Brady Adams; and

Whereas Brady Adams will be remembered as a great leader, a dedicated statesman and a generous benefactor in his community; now, therefore,

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

That we, the members of the Seventy-eighth Legislative Assembly, honor the life and accomplishments of Brady Adams and express our gratitude for his contributions to the people of this state; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution shall be presented to the family of Brady Adams as an expression of our sympathy and condolences.

Filed in the office of Secretary of State March 2, 2016