



From the office of

REPRESENTATIVE RAQUEL MOORE-GREEN

For Immediate Release

Monday, February 17, 2020

Contact: Tayleranne Gillespie, 541-554-6631

tayleranne.gillespie@oregonlegislature.gov

Representative Moore-Green Champions Resolution to Commemorate Centennial of Oregon's Ratification of the 19th Amendment

Salem, Ore. – Today, the Oregon House of Representatives unanimously passed [House Concurrent Resolution 204](#), commemorating the centennial of Oregon's ratification of the 19th Amendment, which extended voting rights to most women in the United States. Oregon extended suffrage to women in 1912, eight years ahead of the national passage of the 19th amendment.

“As a child, I was taught that the single most important civic involvement is that of voting, a privilege obtained through the ultimate sacrifice of human life,” said Representative Raquel Moore-Green (R-Salem), Chief Sponsor of the resolution. “Women and men across our country fought tirelessly to gain the right to vote, something so many of us today take for granted. This legislation helps remind us of the unique privilege we have as Americans to vote, and that a determined group of women and men can make a lasting impact on history.”

On January 14th, 1920 Oregon became the twenty-fifth state to ratify the Nineteenth Amendment, extending equal suffrage to women across the nation. Tennessee was the final state to ratify the Nineteenth Amendment on August 19, 1920. Though Oregon granted suffrage to women in 1912, the ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment is a monumental event in the history of the United States.

The resolution passed the House unanimously, and will now head to the Senate for further consideration.

###