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Senate honors trailblazing women for their accomplishments

Senate Concurrent Resolution 201 recognizes Women of Achievement Award recipients

SALEM – The Oregon Senate today voted to recognize four women who earned the Oregon Commission for Women’s 2017 Women of Achievement Award.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 201 – which passed unanimously in the Senate – honors four women for outstanding achievements. The list of awardees includes the following:

- **Dr. Erlinda Gonzales-Berry** is a scholar, educator, community leader and mentor who is recognized for a lifetime of work increasing equity and inclusion opportunities for Latina women in Oregon;
- **Dr. Guadalupe Guajardo** is a change agent, social justice activist, trainer and coach who is recognized for her legacy of work built upon her family values of justice, community building, engagement and inclusion;
- **Liliana Luna** is a trailblazer, educator, advocate and role model who is recognized as an emerging leader who demonstrates commitment to equity and inclusion for multicultural students, and especially women of color; and
- **Anita Yap** is an urban planner, community leader and mentor who is recognized as a champion for promoting diverse, equitable and inclusive civic engagement models for communities and women of color.

Since it first awarded the Women of Achievement Award to Vera Katz in 1985, the Oregon Commission for Women has recognized 92 women who, through their vocations and avocations, have improved the lives of women significantly in Oregon.

“Oregon has a tradition of trailblazing women leading the way,” said Sen. Laurie Monnes Anderson, D-Gresham, who carried the resolution on the Senate floor. “It’s appropriate to pay special recognition to these four women who have worked against, in many cases, incredible adversity to make our state better for future generations of women.”

The resolution now goes to the House of Representatives for consideration.

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