House Concurrent Resolution 16

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON RULES (at the request of Richard Lake)

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.**

Recognizes and honors Una Tribe of Mixed-Bloods for service to Native Americans of mixed blood throughout United States of America and State of Oregon.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Whereas the United States of America holds as its highest ideals freedom, democracy and self-determination and strives to spread these ideals to every man, woman and child on earth; and

Whereas millions of Americans are of Native American mixed-blood heritage and have largely been unrepresented as an ethnic group; and

Whereas the unrepresented Native Americans of mixed blood residing in Oregon came together and formed the Una Tribe of Mixed-Bloods on January 1, 2009, to form a union of their people as a tribe of mixed-blood Native Americans, to be represented and to ensure their continuity; and

Whereas the Una Tribe of Mixed-Bloods was also founded on the principle of preserving the history and customs of its members; and

Whereas the number of enrolled members in the Una Tribe of Mixed-Bloods has risen from the original four founders, Richard E. Lake II, his wife, Lucretia K. Lake, their son, Richard B. Lake III and Lucretia's father, LeRoy J. Kincaid, to now more than 500 enrolled members; and

Whereas it is estimated that there exist millions of mixed-blood Native Americans; and

Whereas our neighboring country, Canada, recognizes mixed-blood First Peoples of Canada in the Constitution Act, 1982; and

Whereas the Una Tribe of Mixed-Bloods is dedicated to promoting the ideals of freedom and democracy; now, therefore,

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

That we, the members of the Seventy-eighth Legislative Assembly, recognize the Una Tribe of Mixed-Bloods for its service to the mixed-blood Native Americans of the United States of America and the State of Oregon; and be it further

Resolved, That we honor all members of the Una Tribe of Mixed-Bloods; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Una Tribe of Mixed-Bloods consulate in Eugene, Oregon.

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.