LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF IDAHO

Sixty-fifth Legislature Second Regular Session - 2020

IN THE SENATE

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 130

BY JUDICIARY AND RULES COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE, HONORING BILL RODEN FOR HIS COMMITMENT AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PEOPLE AND THE STATE OF IDAHO, AND DESIGNATING THE LOBBYIST LOUNGE IN THE CAPITOL BUILDING AS THE BILL RODEN MEMORIAL LOUNGE.

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

WHEREAS, William C. "Bill" Roden was born in 1929 in Camas, Washington, moving to Boise when he was a child; and

WHEREAS, Bill Roden and his family spent part of his childhood living in Japanese internment camps during World War II while his father worked for the federal government so that the family could experience first-hand the impact of the country's decision of internment; and

WHEREAS, Bill Roden attended Boise High School, Boise Junior College, and the University of Idaho Law School, graduating in 1953; and

WHEREAS, as part of his distinguished career, Bill Roden served in the U.S. Army's Counterintelligence Corps, worked in the Idaho Attorney General's Office, and served as the Ada County Prosecutor; and

WHEREAS, in 1960, Bill Roden was elected to his first of four terms in the Idaho Senate, eventually serving as Senate Majority Leader; and

WHEREAS, following his time in the Idaho Legislature, Bill Roden began a successful career as an Idaho legislative advisor, was a founding member of the Idaho Legislative Advisors organization and widely regarded as "the Dean" of the Idaho Legislative Advisors, and was considered one of the most knowledgeable and respected lobbyists in Idaho; and

WHEREAS, one of Bill Roden's proudest accomplishments was writing the first civil rights legislation for Idaho in 1969; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, Bill Roden was named one of Idaho's 100 most influential people in a book on the people who most shaped the Gem State; and

WHEREAS, Governor Brad Little said of Bill Roden, "For nearly 60 years, Bill Roden helped shape the quality of life we enjoy in Idaho. Bill was always generous in giving his advice and counsel to new legislators and governors, and his advice was not just welcome but needed."; and

WHEREAS, though Bill Roden passed away peacefully on July 8, 2019, he left behind a lasting legacy that has touched many people and will continue to do so.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-fifth Idaho Legislature, the Senate and the House of Representatives concurring therein, that we recognize and honor the remarkable life of Bill Roden and his unrelenting commitment and contributions to the people and the State of Idaho.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the lobbyist lounge on the Garden Level of the Idaho State Capitol shall now be known as the "Bill Roden Memorial Lounge."