

# House Concurrent Resolution 15

Sponsored by Representative RESCHKE

## SUMMARY

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Urges Portland Trail Blazers organization to change name of team to "Oregon Trail Blazers."

## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Whereas on February 6, 1970, the National Basketball Association (NBA) board of governors granted Harry Glickman the rights to a franchise in Portland, Oregon; and

Whereas the new management group held a contest to allow fans to vote for the team name, and "Trail Blazers" was eventually selected by the judging panel; and

Whereas the Trail Blazers played their first NBA game on October 16, 1970, and a proud and historic franchise was born; and

Whereas on June 5, 1977, the Trail Blazers won the NBA Championship, a landmark moment in the sports history of the State of Oregon; and

Whereas "Blazermania" affects Oregonians from all walks of life and from every area of the state, regardless of the city they call home; and

Whereas four NBA franchises include a home state rather than a city in their team names: the Golden State Warriors, the Utah Jazz, the Minnesota Timberwolves and the Indiana Pacers; and

Whereas pioneers who blazed trails across America settled in all parts of Oregon; and

Whereas the Trail Blazers over the past half century have become a vital part of our diverse civic framework, helping to make all Oregonians proud of our state; now, therefore,

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

That we, the members of the Eightieth Legislative Assembly, applaud the many achievements of the Portland Trail Blazers, both on and off the court; and be it further

Resolved, That we recognize the importance of the team to the entire State of Oregon and its place in the hearts of Oregonians across the state; and be it further

Resolved, That we urge the Portland Trail Blazers organization to change the name of the team to the "Oregon Trail Blazers."