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The Honorable Diane Rosenbaum Chair, Senate Committee on Rules 900 Court Street NE, S-223 Salem, OR 97301

Via Email to Committee Staff

Senator Rosenbaum:

Unfortunately I am unable to attend the Senate Committee hearing on SCR 11, the memorial for Sid Leiken, which I co-sponsored with Senator Beyer. However, I still wanted to take a moment to share with you and the committee some brief thoughts on Sid.

Sid Leiken truly embodied the spirit of Douglas County. He worked in the timber industry, putting hard labor and long hours into the core of our local economy. He started and grew a successful business in Douglas County that employed hundreds of area residents. He helped start a community bank, which went on to ensure that many other area businesses and families had access to capital to put their own dreams into action.

And then he took his passion for our region to Salem, representing his constituents – and all Oregonians – with distinction throughout the much of the 1960s. Every day when I leave my home in Roseburg and drive past Umpqua Community College, I see the fruits of one of his greatest legislative accomplishments; as a Ways and Means guy in the legislature he helped secure funding for that college.

Sid's many accomplishments are too numerous to detail in whole. What I want to relay to you, to the committee and to the public, is that his service to our region and, indeed, the entire state, is vast and much appreciated. Sid's memory and legacy will be cherished. I am proud to support SCR 11 and am grateful for the committee's work on it today.

Sincerely.

Bruce Hanna

cc: Lori Brocker, Senate Committee on Rules