



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

April 29th, 2019

Chair Holvey, Vice Chairs Williamson and Wilson, members of the committee:

My name is Karin Power, and I have the honor of representing House District 41. When I was a Milwaukie City Councilor, I had the privilege of working with Milwaukie Chief of Police Steve Bartol, who I am thrilled to honor today with HCR 36.

Earlier this month, Chief Bartol retired after 28 years of distinguished public service to the City of Milwaukie and to the State of Oregon. His career began at sixteen years old, when he showed up at the Milwaukie Police Department wanting to learn more about police work and how to serve his community. During the nearly three decades that followed, Chief Bartol would steadily rise in the ranks, serving ten years as a sergeant, four years as a detective, and six years as a captain. At each step in the process, his leadership and dedication set him apart. He regularly sought opportunities to better himself through education. Chief Bartol is a graduate of the prestigious Southern Police Institute Administrative Officer program and the FBI National Academy. He also has leadership and executive certificates from Portland State University and the Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training.

In all of his interactions, it is obvious that Chief Bartol loves the City of Milwaukie and its citizens. We are fortunate that he chose to call this city his home. For 28 years he has served with honor and distinction, and we are better off because of it. He is the true definition of a public servant, and he will be greatly missed. However, his commitment to mentoring the next generation leaves us all assured that his work ethic and leadership style will be a lasting legacy at the MPD. With heartfelt gratitude, we wish him the best in his retirement.

Thank you for the opportunity to honor a colleague and thank you for your consideration of this resolution.

State Representative Karin Power

