



Office of Mayor Ted Wheeler
City of Portland

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Senator Ginny Burdick
Senate Committee on Rules
900 Court Street, NE
Salem, Oregon 97301

RE: SCR 37 Honoring Keanon Lowe

Dear Chair Burdick and Members of the Subcommittee:

I want to add my strong support for SCR 37 honoring Keanon Lowe for his brave and selfless actions at Parkrose High School. In recognition of his selfless action, The Portland Police Bureau awarded Coach Lowe the Civilian Medal- Heroism and as Mayor I proclaimed Coach Lowe day in the City of Portland, May 29, 2019.

Coach Lowe's heroism on May 17th, and the quick thinking of his fellow colleagues, as well as the students who alerted staff of unusual behavior, prevented a potential tragedy from occurring. He embodies courage, honor, and self-sacrifice and is a great leader in our community.

I am deeply grateful to Coach Lowe for his actions on May 17th; and I am inspired by him because of the quality of his character and his love of others. Dr. Martin Luther King said, "The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort or convenience, but where he stands in at times of challenge and controversy".

I join the Legislature in thanking Coach Lowe and urge your support for SCR 37.

Sincerely,

Ted Wheeler
Mayor, City of Portland