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Addressing:

Senate Committee on Rules

Chair Wagner

Vice Chair Girod

Thank you again for this opportunity to testify before you. Thank you Ms. Linda Roman for your correspondence.

My apologies for not being available as I have a conflict with my work schedule and unable to canceled the schedule work meeting.

My Mom, Clara Peoples has been dedicated to not only the Portland N/NE community, but her dedication to community spread from Sauvie Island to SE Portland when she founded Community Care Association, a non-profit food service that would go to the fields from Sauvie Island to Eastern Oregon to gather second crops to give away to needy families of all diversities starting in 1969. Mom was featured in the December 1971 edition of Ebony Magazine for her work in feeding the hungry and Community Care Association. Prior to that self-appointed charge, is when her energies were put into recognizing Juneteenth in the State of Oregon in about 1945.

Mrs. Peoples has been involved ever since I can remember from her award as one of the Oregonians Women of Accomplishment, appointed to the Board of Agriculture by former Governor Tom McCall, to being on the board of Model Cities in N/NE Portland working with the former City Commissioner Charles Jordan. Mom was also featured in an article Many accomplishments in her lifetime as well as a wife, mother and later years' grandmother and great grandmother. What is missing is that one dreams she wanted to accomplish, having the State of Oregon recognize Juneteenth OR by making it a legal holiday. The city of Portland, Legacy Emanuel Hospital, Portland Police and Portland Fire Bureau have been gracious and become familiar by working with the current Juneteenth OR planning committee and Board as we schedule the parade with police escorts, the fire truck in the parade that always is a hit with the children, Legacy Emanuel providing their unused lot for the entertainment, food booths and activities and the city with our applications for permits. Your consideration is truly appreciated personally by me as I can only imagine how Mom is smiling down and I'm sure the community because of the popularity of Juneteenth OR not only in the African American community but growing and rolling over to other communities that has become involved in some way.

Thank you for reading my testimony.

Sincere regards and appreciation

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