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To: Rep. Barbara Smith Warner, Chair, House Rules Committee
Rep. Christine Drazan, Vice Chair, House Rules Committee
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RE: Support for SCR 3 — Tribute to Rep. Mitch Greenlick

Twenty years ago I was a government relations liaison at the State Public Health Division and staff for the Public Health Advisory Board, also known as “PHAB,” likely for the people who served on the board. Rep. Mitch Greenlick, a new legislator, had been invited to come speak to the board and we were eagerly waiting to hear his candid take on the legislative process from the perspective of a public health expert. Unfortunately, he was stuck in an elevator for over an hour on his way up to the 9th floor of the State Office Building. When he finally arrived, I dispensed with the formal introductions and hurriedly told the group: “This is Rep. Mitch Greenlick, who is said to be the smartest person at the Legislature.”

His response? “I was the one to say that.”

Rep. Greenlick and Harriet Greenlick were a Cole Porter song of a couple. Delightful...de-lovely... and a Capitol treasure. He didn’t take himself too seriously but he was totally vested in public service.

In 2016, the Oregon Historical Society published Capitol Letters, Rep. Greenlick’s book about the inside view of the legislative process with cartoons by Jack Ohman. He inscribed my copy from “One author to another.” He was so much more, as you know from his reputation, his partnership with Harriet, his reach across the aisle, his command of public health and health care and his relentless push to expand universal access to care. He was a profoundly kind human being and the Capitol is not the same without him and his partner, Harriet.