

To: Senator Deb Patterson, Chair, Senate Health Care Committee  
Senator Tim Knopp, Vice Chair, Senate Health Care Committee  
Senator Lee Beyer  
Senator Dallas Heard  
Senator James Manning, Jr.

From: Justin Freeman, Multnomah County

Re: Support for Senate Concurrent Resolution 3

February 24, 2021

Chair Patterson, Vice Chair Knopp and members of the committee,

Thank you for hearing SCR 3. Representative Greenlick was my boss, mentor, role model and friend. I served as his Legislative Director during the 2010, 2011 and 2015 Legislative Sessions. I was hoping to be able to testify in person today but unfortunately am not able to due to scheduling conflicts.

Rep. Greenlick's accomplishments speak for themselves and are well-reflected in the whereas statements in the resolution. His colleagues in the academic and health care fields, as well as in the legislature knew him for his visionary policy mind, sharp wit and lifelong dedication to improving the lives of the most vulnerable members of society. In many ways he was the conscience of the legislature. He never harbored any ambition beyond chairing the House Health Committee, a role which gave him immense pride. His main focus was on improving Oregon's health care systems and ensuring that as many people had health care coverage as possible. Of his many accomplishments, I believe that he is the most proud of his work to pass HB 2116, the Healthy Kids Act, in the 2009 session which expanded Oregon Health Plan coverage to every child in Oregon.

Though his main focus was on health care, he dived into many other policy areas as well. He loved serving on the Judiciary Committee and fought hard to reform Oregon's justice system to better reflect the values of Oregonians. He fought tooth and nail to end Oregon's use of the death penalty, a cause he believed fiercely in.

He was never afraid to tilt at windmills or shy away from big ideas. As a result he often found himself on the opposing side of the some of the most powerful interests in the state who were almost always more intimidated of him than he was of them.

As his staffer, I had the privilege of seeing a side of Rep. Greenlick that few were able to experience. He taught me innumerable lessons about politics, professionalism and life. Everyone who worked for him in the legislature loved him. He held us to a high standard but was never unreasonable and never expressed a hint of anger even when we made mistakes. Even during stressful times, he would greet me in the office belting out "Good Morning" from Singing in the Rain or some other ancient show tune. Helping Rep. Greenlick establish Jory Soil as the official state soil was some of the most fun I've had in my political career.

It was also a pleasure to work with Rep. Greenlick's partner-in-crime, his wife Harriet. Their love for each other was inspiring and despite Rep. Greenlick's vaunted professional accomplishments, I believe he would be most proud of the legacy he left behind in his children, grandchildren and great-children.

Thank you to the sponsors of this resolution and thank you again to the members of the committee for hearing this resolution. I encourage your support.