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State Senator James Manning, Jr.
Committee Chairman
Senate Committee on Veterans, Emergency Management,
Federal & World Affairs
State Capitol
Salem, OR

Dear Senator Manning and Committee Members,

This letter is in support of SCR 6, which is recognizing the many contributions of deceased Cornelius, OR resident Ralph Brown. He touched many people in Washington County and Cornelius in his long professional education career and dedicated community volunteer accomplishments! His selfless volunteerism and love for the west county cities and residents is legendary. His life was cut short due to a driving accident that caused his death and year-long disappearance before he was found deceased. The community held a memorial recognition event in his honor at Harleman Park in Cornelius in summer 2022 where well over 500 people attended to honor and remember Ralph. His wife, Carol, was always at his side supporting and helping the many events they both attended. They were the ultimate dynamic duo!

His volunteerism touched many in innumerable ways and made Cornelius and Washington County a better place to live, work and play! He was a veteran, Cornelius Mayor and City Councilor, State Representative, Oregon Road Runners Club co-founder, Cornelius Booster Club President, and member of multiple boards and commissions. He valued his religious beliefs, dedicated volunteerism, helping others, standing-up for what was right, and supporting the community and its members.

We owe Ralph Brown many thanks for his warmth, dedication, service and sharing his life with us in Washington County!

Sincerely,



Rob Drake
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