

Representative Susan McLain
Oregon House District 29



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Dear Chair Manning, Vice-Chair Thatcher, and Members of the Committee:

Please accept this testimony in favor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 6, which memorializes the remarkable life of Ralph Davis Brown.

Ralph and I crossed paths in many ways over the years. We were both educators, and when I was a Metro councilor, Ralph was the Mayor of Cornelius. I was proud to work with him on important issues for our community.

I also got the chance to know Ralph and his lovely wife, Carol, through many community events and activities, and I always loved having the opportunity to visit with them. Ralph was quite simply a wonderful man. He was known for the annual New Year's Day run, as well as many other races, helped coordinate activities for children, and was a constant presence at community events.

Ralph was a dedicated teacher, coach, and principal. He cared deeply about the communities of Cornelius, Forest Grove, and Hillsboro. He was always focused on helping others, whether his students or community members, and I admired that dedication immensely. As a City Councilor, School Board Member, Mayor, and as State Representative for one term, he showed his compassion and commitment to the people of Western Washington County through countless hours of hard work.

I am proud that I had the privilege of calling Ralph my friend. My heart is with Carol and Ralph's family as our community mourns the loss of someone who has left a profound and lasting impact.

Sincerely,

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