



OREGON STATE SENATE

Thank you for your consideration of SCR 212, honoring the life of my professor, friend, mentor and former Senator Cliff Trow.

I first met Cliff Trow in a classroom. He was one of my professors during graduate school. Although my experience with Cliff ultimately was more focused on shared public service, I believe the classroom is ultimately the environment that most closely embodied who he was as a person. Curious, kind, open to new ideas and always reaching out to support others and encourage their growth.

Senator Trow served in the Oregon State Senate for nearly 30 years. During that time he chaired the Education Committee and as a co-chair of the Ways and Means Committee. His peers also selected him as the Democratic Caucus Leader and later as the Senate President Pro Tempore. He was known as a kind man with strong principles coupled with unquestionable integrity. Cliff didn't change his words or actions for political reasons. He told you what he thought and he also left room to carefully listen to new ideas. He was focused on making Oregon better for everyone.

Cliff and his extraordinary wife of more than 50 years, Jo Anne Trow deeply impacted our community. Together they led initiatives to improve access to education, alleviate hunger and celebrate Oregon history through the creation of the Benton County Historical Museum. They were also always the first to step up to mentor and support rising leaders. Cliff and Jo Anne are the kind of people you want to make proud.

At Cliff Trow's memorial service and again at the Senate Rules hearing, I was overwhelmed by the diversity and cross generational impact that Cliff had. His optimism, kindness, and intellect are woven into the lives of countless former students, neighbors, colleagues and friends as well as into this body. His was a life of service well lived and I am so pleased that we have the opportunity to honor him through SCR 212.

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