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The Honorable Ben Bowman, Chair
Oregon House Rules Committee
State Capitol
Salem, Oregon 97310

RE: HCR 10–Roger Martin

Dear Chair Bowman and Committee Members:

Happy Oregon’s Birthday. Please accept this letter in support of HCR 10, a resolution commemorating Roger Martin.

I’ve known Roger since 1973 when I started as a staffer in the Legislative Research Office. In the ensuing half century, our Capitol paths crossed many times, particularly since he, in the words of HCR 10, became a “notable lobbyist.” Eight years later, I joined the Capitol Club, which I served as president in 2006-2007. Over the years, Roger and I roamed the Capitol halls together on behalf of our health care, business, and tribal clients, usually avoiding bumping into each other.

There was one attribute of Roger’s lobbying practice I always wanted to emulate—his willingness to leave Salem during a legislative session. But in serving his clients like the Oregon Golf Association, Roger would take time to familiarize himself with his clients’ business. On more than one occasion, he spent time in Scotland learning about the game’s roots in places like the Royal and Ancient Golf Club at St. Andrews.

For decades, Roger led a group of “Old Timers,” which includes former elected and appointed state, federal, and local officials, legislators, lobbyists, staffers, and Capitol journalists. Over the last 20 or so years, I had the privilege of helping Roger keep this group on track. Roger capably guided its quarterly meetings, insisting that bipartisanship be celebrated and fondly recalling when it wasn’t. HCR 10 recognizes this attribute of Roger in lines 1-3 on page 2. Whether at a country club or at home near a range, Roger was a legendary host and state leader.

I urge your enthusiastic support of HCR 10.
