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Roger Martin was clearly one of Oregon's most outstanding public servants over the course of my lifetime.

He was elected to the House of Representatives at a young age, worked hard, gained the respect of his colleagues on both sides of the aisle and quickly rose to leadership.

Had he remained in office he surely would have achieved higher office. However, Roger chose another path. It was one that kept him in constant contact with the Legislature, the Executive and Public Policy in Oregon at the highest levels.

For nearly 50 years, he was a respected member of the Third House, able to work across the aisles easily and develop friendships that lasted a lifetime and provide a balance, perspective and sense of history that only a few possess.

You never heard a negative word from Roger about a Member or about the process. Those of us that knew him so well have dearly missed him and so has Salem.