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Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee: Here's to Roger Martin - Oregonian, husband, father, grandfather, State Representative, Chairman, Speaker Pro Tem, Minority Leader, lobbyist; and to me - colleague, mentor, roommate, pitch partner and, most of all, friend. I first met Roger in 1972 when he and two or three others flew to Klamath Falls to recruit me to run for the open local House seat. While the recruitment was successful, when the time came to choose our caucus leader (House Minority Leader in 1973), I supported his opponent. Roger lost. He never once after that ever showed any animosity toward me because of that vote. We, like many of you here, became very good friends, and it was my honor to replace Roger as House Minority Leader when he left the Legislature in 1979. Over the years, we served together, lobbied together, lived together, played pitch together, hunted ducks together and entertained together. He always did the cooking and was good at it. Roger consistently demonstrated his willingness and ability to "work across the aisle." He was serious about his advocacy, whatever the cause. He was a gentleman, an honorable man and certainly deserving of this Resolution in his honor. Thank you.

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