



February 14, 2025

The Honorable Janeen Sollman
900 Court Street NE, S-207
Salem, Oregon 97301

Re: Senate Concurrent Resolution 7

Dear Senator Sollman:

It is a privilege to offer my strong support for SCR-7 in honor of Dr. Phillip Creighton, Pacific University's 16th president. He was a beloved leader who made a lasting impact on Pacific and our surrounding communities in Washington County.

As a member of Pacific's University Advancement team, I was fortunate to work with Dr. Creighton on fundraising initiatives during his tenure. He was an incredible partner for our \$52,000,000 Heart of Oak Campaign which we completed in 2006. Our alumni, donors and friends responded with enthusiasm to any opportunity to interact with "Dr. Phil." He was always eager to travel, near or far, to share the Pacific story and engage people in his vision for the university.

Aside from external outreach, Phil could easily be described as a "students' president." He had an incredible ability to remember names and details for almost everyone he met. If we happened to walk with him to a meeting across campus, we would smile and plan to leave at least five minutes early to compensate for all of the stops along the way to chat with students. Phil's students became amazing and loyal alumni.

Thank you for bringing this resolution forward. There could not be a more fitting honor for a very special individual.

Warm regards,

Jan Stricklin

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