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Please accept my support for House Resolution 3 in the form of my written testimony. Please confirm receipt of this email. Thank you so much.

Susan Overcast

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Chair Bowman, Vice-Chair Drazan, Vice-Chair Pham and members of the committee on rules.

My name is Susan Overcast, resident of Oregon since 1989.

My life was permanently changed and greatly improved when I met Kevin Cook in the 90s. He was in his drag persona, Poison Waters, and I was star struck! I went to shows, parties, gatherings and more because Poison was there. And I quickly got to know so many performers throughout the years including Lady Elaine Peacock, Rosey Waters, Misty Waters, Maria Peters Lake, Alexis Campbell Starr, T’Kara Campbell Starr and so many more.

My life in Oregon has been highlighted by the many black performers that I’ve been fortunate to call friends. The community that has been fostered by these black performers is tight and reaches out to the Portland community as fundraisers, feeding the less fortunate and fostering a bond that is essential in keeping Portland the vibrant city that is is.

I was on the Board of Directors of Peacock Productions, Inc. and saw first hand what a powerful impact Black drag queens and performers have on Portland. Peacock Productions, Inc. raises money to grant scholarships through the Audria M. Edwards Scholarship Fund. They have given \$476,950 to LGBTQ+ students and/or children of LGBTQ+ parents residing in Oregon and Southwest Washington.

As the last line of House Resolution 3 says “That we, the members of the House of Representatives of the Eighty-third Legislative Assembly, 45 [2]1 HR 3 2 3 4 recognize and honor Oregon’s rich history of Black drag, and we congratulate all those whose spirited contributions have made Oregon’s Black drag community one of the most vibrant and vital in the nation.”

Please accept my support of House Resolution 3.

Sincerely  
Susan Overcast