



February 23, 2025

Oregon State Legislature
Attn: Senate Committee on Rules
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

As Mayor of Warrenton and the 2025 Oregon Mayors Association President, I wish to make known my individual support for SCR 18 which commemorates Mayor (ret) John McArdle's leadership and community involvement in the State of Oregon.

While John is best known as the recently retired Mayor of Independence, a role he served for 25 years in, he has individually had a hand in shaping quite a bit of mayors and other civic leaders statewide.

The League of Oregon Cities has a long list of organizations he has led or been a major player in, but the most important to me has been as a member of the Oregon Mayors Association (OMA). While I did not have the pleasure of serving with him on the board when he was president, he has been a constant ally and thought leader within the OMA for as long as I have been a part of it. He has readily assumed responsibilities to help mentor new and even long-standing mayors. He has been a rock of stability and experience.

I urge you to pass SCR 18 and recognize John McArdle for the great statesman he is for the City of Independence and the State of Oregon.

Sincerely,

Henry A. Balensifer III
Mayor, Warrenton
President, Oregon Mayors Association