

Submitter: Kate Schwarzler
On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Rules
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SCR18

Dear members of the Senate Committee on Rules,

My name is Kate Schwarzler, and I am the Mayor of the City of Independence. I am honored to provide a statement in support of SCR 18, a resolution honoring former Mayor John McArdle.

It is my pleasure to celebrate a truly exceptional leader. As the Mayor for the City of Independence for 26 years, John McArdle selflessly dedicated his life to advancing our community, making him one of Oregon's longest-tenured mayors. He led our community with unwavering passion, leadership, and heart.

During his tenure, Mayor McArdle championed community-led initiatives that reflected a broad vision for Independence. His commitment paved the way for numerous downtown enhancements—from the construction of a new library and a vibrant amphitheater to the opening of an eight-screen cinema and the revitalization of our downtown district. Recognizing the critical importance of connectivity, he also led a pioneering partnership with our neighboring city of Monmouth, creating MINET to bring high-speed internet to every home and business in our communities.

John McArdle has been a cornerstone of our community, shaping it with his vision, determination, and deep love for the people who call Independence home. He not only guided our town through incredible growth and change but have also left a legacy of integrity and compassion that will inspire us for generations to come.

I have deep gratitude for his visionary leadership and unwavering dedication. His legacy is a testament to what can be achieved when passion, foresight, and community spirit come together in service of a greater good.

Thank you,

Kate Schwarzler
Mayor, City of Independence