

Testimony in Support of HCR 9 from Representative Bobby Levy

Chair Jama, Vice-Chair Bonham, and Members of the Senate Committee on Rules,

I am honored to be here to testify in support of House Concurrent Resolution 9, which recognizes and pays tribute to the late Oregon Secretary of State, Dennis Richardson.

Dennis Richardson was more than a public servant—he was a man of deep integrity, tireless dedication, and unwavering commitment to the people of Oregon. He embodied the principles of fairness, transparency, and service above self. Throughout his career, from his time in the Oregon House of Representatives to his historic election as Oregon’s first Republican Secretary of State in over three decades, Dennis worked with conviction and a steadfast belief in good governance.

But what truly set Dennis apart was not just his leadership—it was his heart. Dennis had a rare and remarkable ability to make every single person he met feel like they were the most important person in the world. Whether you were a fellow legislator, a staff member, or a constituent who had never met him before, Dennis gave you his full attention. He listened—not just to respond, but to truly understand. He saw people for who they were, valued their perspectives, and treated every individual with dignity and respect.

That is the legacy of a true statesman. His kindness, his patience, and his belief in the goodness of people will be remembered far beyond the policies he championed. Even in the face of illness, he remained committed to his work and to the Oregonians he served, never losing sight of his deep responsibility to the state he loved.

Dennis Richardson leaves behind a legacy of honor, courage, and service. It is only fitting that we take this moment to recognize his contributions and express our gratitude for the impact he made on our state.

I respectfully urge the committee’s support for HCR 9 in honor of a man who dedicated his life to making Oregon a better place.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bobby Levy". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Representative Bobby Levy
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