



**AMBASSADOR WILLIAM P. McCORMICK**

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Re: Support letter for HCR 30

Dear Oregon Legislators,

On behalf of myself and my wife Gail, we would like to express our strong support of House Concurrent Resolution 30. I was born in Rhode Island and moved to Oregon in 1966 to open restaurants. I later purchased Jakes Famous Crawfish in Portland and expanded the McCormick and Schmick's brand to 93 locations in the US and Canada. Over the past nearly 60 years I have spoken to guests from all over the world. I have found that the iconic Timberline Lodge is one of the well-known landmarks in this wonderful State.

My wife Gail is a 4<sup>th</sup> generation Oregonian. Her family have loved the Lodge her entire life. We live in Bend Oregon today and when we entertain, we make a point of taking guests to Timberline Lodge as it is such an historic point of pride for us to show off not only our majestic Mt. Hood but the architecture and incredible craftsmanship of the Lodge. The story of the WPA and the role the fine craftsman from all over the country played, in building the lodge during the depression, is compelling and unique.

Friends of Timberline was established in 1975 by individuals dedicated to preserving the Lodge as it was originally built and furnished in 1937. We whole heartedly support the recognition of this fine organization for 50 years of a strong record of attracting broad based community support for its expansive list of projects. The Friends of Timberline is deserving of the acknowledgement and gratitude by the good citizens of Oregon.

Cordially Yours, Ambassador William P. McCormick

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