



United Way of
Jackson County

April 21, 2025

Senator Kayse Janna, Chair
Oregon Senate Rules Committee
e-testimony on SCR-29

Dear Chair Janna:

On behalf of United Way of Jackson County Board of Directors, volunteers, and staff, it is a privilege to support the recognition of Bill Thorndike. It is hard to believe our community has lost such a magnificent, brilliant, and kind community leader. Bill was a volunteer extraordinaire. He served on 57 boards of directors not only in southern Oregon but regionally and across the US. And each one of these assignments received his full attention and commitment.

The United Way of Jackson County's Auditorium is named the Thorndike Auditorium due to his commitment to community and for all those who cross these doors. Community groups use this meeting room regularly and all have been impacted by the wit, wisdom, and wealth of Bill Thorndike. We would all trade this recognition for more of his presence and yet his time came in February. We will continue our good works in his honor for years to come. Thank you for your support of this measure.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dee Anne Everson".

Dee Anne Everson
CEO/ED