

May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025



*From the Office of*  
**THE SENATE PRESIDENT**

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

For the record, my name is Rob Wagner, State Senator for Senate District 19 and I serve as the President of the Oregon Senate. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Senate Resolution 3, which commends Dr. Mark Terry for his unrivaled contributions to ophthalmology and medical research.

Dr. Mark Terry has been a titan in his field. He has been the Director of Corneal Services at the Devers Eye Institute in Portland, Oregon, since 1990, and his leadership at Devers and at the Oregon Lions Vision Gift Research Laboratory has improved patient outcomes and advanced medical research for three and a half decades.

Dr. Terry's innovative surgical techniques—especially in the field of endothelial keratoplasty—have restored vision to people who had once resigned themselves to lifelong sightlessness. His research, teaching, and mentorship have had a profound impact not just here in Oregon, but internationally as well.

Beyond the operating room, Dr. Terry exemplifies compassion and service. His work with young patients like Paxton Call and his deeply personal connection to care through his son Nicholas reflect a physician who leads with empathy. He has improved not only eyesight, but lives.

I was introduced to Dr. Terry's remarkable work through one of my most engaged constituents, Steve Burrows, and his wife, Gordana. I had a lovely sit-down with them and Dr. Terry's wife, Cindy, in August 2023, discussing the great work of Dr. Terry. From that meeting and Steve's tireless advocacy on behalf of his friend, this resolution came to life.

From our conversations two years ago, Steve's unwavering dedication, and learning about the great work of Dr. Terry, helped shine a light on someone who has humbly transformed lives across the globe. It is my honor to commend Dr. Mark Terry today.

He is a true unsung hero, and I'm proud the Oregon Senate is taking a moment to recognize his legacy. Thank you for your time and consideration of this resolution.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert A. Wagner". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "R".

Robert A. Wagner  
Oregon Senate President  
Senate District 19