

OREGON HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Dear Chair Jama, Vice-Chair Bonham, and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to speak in support of House Concurrent Resolution 37, which honors the life and contributions of Andy Bromeland—a dedicated public servant, family man, and tireless advocate for grassroots democracy.

Andy was born in Blue Earth, Minnesota, and grew up on his family's farm. After graduating, he moved to Oregon for work and began his professional journey at Samaritan General Hospital in Albany. Later, he joined the Oregon Secretary of State's Office, where he served with distinction as a Certified Public Accountant.

In 1979, Andy married his beloved wife, Leann. Together, they raised two children—Brandon and Holly—and were blessed with three grandchildren.

Andy was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, always making time to build memories with his family at the Metolius River and along the Oregon Coast. He also shared a deep bond with his much-loved dog, Gus.

Andy was a passionate Oregon Ducks fan and a steadfast believer in participatory democracy. For 52 years, he served as a Marion County Precinct Committee Person, and his civic involvement went far beyond that. He chaired the Salem-Keizer Public Schools Community Relations Committee, the Marion County Democratic Forum Program, and the Neighborhood Leaders Program. He also founded and ran the Neighbor-to-Neighbor Program in the City of Salem for five years—a testament to his commitment to building community and increasing civic engagement.

Andy exemplified the spirit of public service and left a lasting mark on all who had the privilege to know him. His legacy lives on in his family, his community, and the democratic institutions he worked so hard to strengthen.

I urge your support for HCR 37, and I thank you for recognizing a life so richly lived and so generously given in service to Oregon.

Respectfully, Representative Paul Evans House District 20

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