

Remarks Prepared for Senate Rules Committee Meeting 2-11-26

Chair Jama, members of the committee, for the record, my name is Carl Fisher. I am from Tigard, Oregon, and I am here today in support of Senate Concurrent Resolution 203 as a friend of Moses Ross.

I first met Moses while I was a student at Western Oregon University. Although he was nearly twenty years older than I was, we were both just beginning our involvement in state politics. We became close friends through long road trips, shared campaign work, and a mutual love of the Portland Trail Blazers, baseball, and—most notably—Star Trek. If you wanted Moses to light up, all you had to do was mention Star Trek. That enthusiasm carried into everything he did.

Moses' lifelong commitment to civic engagement was shaped by his family. From the work ethic of his Mexican-American grandparents and mother, to his father's belief in peace and equal justice under the law, Moses grew up immersed in public service. His father ran for Congress in 1968 and for Attorney General in 1976, and Moses often spoke about riding along as his father traveled the state meeting with community groups. Those early experiences left a lasting imprint. Moses was, quite simply, born to life on the campaign trail.

But what SCR 203 captures best is not just what Moses did, but why he did it. While he worked on campaigns and in party leadership, he was equally devoted to the place he called home. He served multiple terms as chair of his neighborhood association in Multnomah Village, participated in food drives, graffiti cleanups, and local community events, and was active in the PTA so his daughter could grow up in a safe and welcoming neighborhood. He cared for his mother in her final years, and he never hesitated to help a friend—whether that meant moving boxes, taking down holiday lights, or showing up on short notice simply because someone needed him.

Moses' legacy is the community he built and sustained through quiet, consistent acts of service. SCR 203 honors a life that reminds us that democracy depends not only on elections and campaigns, but on people who show up for one another. For that reason, I respectfully urge your support for SCR 203.

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