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On Behalf Of:
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Measure, Appointment or Topic: SCR206

Testimony in Support of SCR 206
Honoring Senator Aaron Woods
Senate Committee on Rules
Feb. 18, 2026

Dear Chair Jama, Vice-Chair Starr and Members of the Senate Rules Committee,

I'm Betty Reynolds, and knew Aaron and Shirley Woods in Wilsonville for many years, Aaron as a successful Xerox executive and a dedicated community activist. In 2019, I stepped aside from my Clackamas Community College Board seat and recruited Aaron to apply for the vacancy. He was appointed and later elected, and was in his element. It was an honor to connect with him on education policy issues.

In September 2021, he said he decided to run for the Senate. The rest is history. Aaron's commitment to equity, educational and digital opportunity, workforce development, and other priorities highlighted the campaign and his service in public offices. He made a difference in the lives of so many; holding public offices after a successful career was so important to him.

Aaron was a self-described people person. During the Senate commemoration of Sen. Woods in April 2025, it was heartwarming to hear nearly every Senator speak on the floor with stories of how he had touched you personally.

Thank you to the sponsors of SCR 206, and thank you for considering this bill. With it you honor Sen. Aaron Woods' outstanding public service, as well as his ever-present example of engagement with civility, warmth, kindness, and integrity.

Sincerely,

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