



City of Wilsonville Testimony
Supporting SCR 206 Memorializing State Senator Aaron Woods

February 18, 2026

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

On behalf of the City of Wilsonville, I am submitting this testimony in **support of SCR 206**, a memorial for State Senator Aaron Woods.

I had the privilege of knowing Senator Aaron Woods for about a decade, beginning when we served together on Wilsonville's Development Review Board. Over the years I watched him serve on the Planning Commission, the Clackamas Community College Board, and ultimately in the Oregon Senate.

What stood out about Aaron was his approach to public service. He was thoughtful, measured, and focused on practical solutions. He listened carefully, treated people respectfully, and worked to move issues forward rather than deepen divisions. People who met him felt they were included.

In my experience, Aaron had a rare ability — people left conversations with him feeling they belonged, even when they disagreed.

When he was elected to the Oregon Senate, he did not change; he simply brought that same approach to a larger stage. He worked across viewpoints and sought workable outcomes. His interests in housing, broadband access, workforce preparation, and emerging technology reflected both his professional background and his belief that opportunity should be available across the entire state.

In Wilsonville, we knew him not just as our Senator, but as a neighbor and a friend who stayed connected to his community even while serving all Oregonians. He was always building bridges of understanding and community, and our residents felt that connection.

SCR 206 appropriately recognizes a public servant who combined expertise, community commitment, and collaborative leadership.

On behalf of the City of Wilsonville, I respectfully ask for your support of this resolution.
Thank you.

Sincerely,



Mayor Shawn O'Neil
City of Wilsonville