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Senate Committee on Rules
Oregon State Legislature
Salem, OR 97301

Re: Support for SCR 206

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

On behalf of the Oregon Institute of Technology ("Oregon Tech"), thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in support of Senate Concurrent Resolution 206 honoring the life and service of Aaron Lionel Woods.

Senator Woods understood, in a profoundly personal way, the power of technology to transform lives. He often shared how access to technology opened doors for him and shaped the path that led him to public service. That experience guided his work in the Oregon Legislature, where he advocated expanding access to technology to create opportunity and advance equity. Through his efforts, he worked to ensure that more Oregonians could benefit from these opportunities and participate fully in their communities.

I had the personal privilege of getting to know Senator Woods and witnessing his genuine commitment to supporting education and technology firsthand. He had a remarkable ability to connect with people, listen thoughtfully, and encourage innovation and learning. His warmth, integrity, and dedication left a lasting impression on me and the Oregon Tech community.

At Oregon Tech, we see every day how hands-on, technology-focused education can expand opportunity and strengthen communities across Oregon. Senator Woods' advocacy in technology and education highlighted the importance of preparing Oregon students to engage thoughtfully with technological change and to use these tools to create opportunity and benefit their communities.

We are grateful for his service and respectfully ask for your support of this resolution honoring Senator Woods' legacy and contributions to the people of Oregon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nagi G. Naganathan" with a stylized flourish at the end.

Nagi G. Naganathan, Ph.D., ASME Fellow
President