

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Be Adopted
Vote:	5 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Atkinson, Beyer, Burdick, Ferrioli, Rosenbaum
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
Prepared By:	Erin Seiler, Administrator
Meeting Dates:	5/12

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: In memory of Polk County Commissioner Mike Propes, 1954 – 2011.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Service as Polk County Commissioner
- Dedication to his family and community
- Role as mentor and leader to his peers
- Awards, honors, and recognitions received for his work in community

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Known as “Mr. Polk County,” Mike Propes was serving in his sixth term as a Polk County Commissioner when he passed away in March 2011. Born in Puyallup, Washington and residing in rural Polk County since the age of nine, Mike Propes graduated from Willamina High School and then went on to study at Chemeketa Community College and graduated as Outstanding Forestry student.

After graduation he was appointed to the Chemeketa Community College Board of Directors, which was the beginning of his career of public service to the citizens of Polk and Marion Counties. After being elected as a Polk County Commissioner in 1988, he worked to pass bond measures to improve local roads and highways and secure funding to build a new highway interchange at Highway 22 and Highway 99W. His service to his community extended beyond his role as a county commissioner, as he served on a variety of boards and commissions including: Polk County Commission for Children and Families; Bureau of Land Management Advisory Committee; Mid-Willamette Valley Senior Services; United Way Polk County Chairman; Mid-Willamette Jobs Council Board of Directors; and as a charter member of the Advisory Committee to the Oregon Transportation Commission.

As a result of his leadership in the community, he was accorded many honors including: the First Citizen of the Year from the Sheridan-Willamina Chamber of Commerce and Dallas Area Chamber; the YMCA Dedicated Service Monmouth/Independence Youth Donor Drive Award; and the Senior Citizen Service Award for Outstanding Leadership. In addition, he was included in the Chemeketa Profiles in Success 1990 Edition and in 2002 won the West Salem Business Association Community Partner Award.

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