



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SCR 14

Chief Sponsors: Sen. Monnes Anderson and Rep. Gorsek

House Committee on Agriculture and National Resources

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8:00 a.m., Hearing Room D

Good morning Chair Witt and Members of the Committee. For the record, I'm Chris Gorsek, State Representative for House District 49, which includes the cities of Troutdale, Wood Village, Fairview and Gresham.

I'm glad to be here this morning to speak in support of Senate Concurrent Resolution 14 which designates Oregonite and Josephinite as official twin minerals of the State of Oregon. SCR 14 got its start as a request from a constituent living in my district and that of Senator Monnes Anderson who is affiliated with the Oregon Agate and Mineral Society of Oregon. The process first started when a class of students from my area brought the idea for this to Senator Monnes Anderson.

Oregonite and Josephinite are very rare. The only place in the United States where they are found, is along Josephine Creek in Josephine County.

We would be the 23rd state to have an official mineral. We would also be the first state to have twin official minerals.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to testify today. I hope you will support SCR14.

