

Oregon Hunger Task Force

Creating Policies for a Hunger-Free Oregon

Testimony in support of Senate Concurrent Resolution 3A
House Rules Committee

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On behalf of the Oregon Hunger Task Force, I am here in support of SCR 3A to honor Emily Georges Gottfried. I was privileged to work with Emily on both the Oregon Faith Roundtable Against Hunger (OFRAH) Steering Committee and the Oregon Food Bank (OFB) Advocacy Committee.

Emily cared deeply about all people, especially those who needed a hand up. Time and again, Emily would draw on her principles to move us all to that higher calling of doing what was best for the community.

Emily's work encompassed many worthy causes over the years. She was always the first to open her home for retreats and deep discussions about critical policy issues. She wanted action but wanted it grounded in good thinking.

I will remember Emily most for her can do attitude, including the organization of annual OFRAH breakfasts to honor hunger champions. When Emily's husband asked at the memorial service WWED (What Would Emily Do) he expressed Emily's legacy well. I keep her picture close in my office and often look to it while pondering what to do next.

I believe SCR 3A is a fitting tribute to Emily and thank you for your support.