

February 21, 2013

Representative Greg Matthews, Chair
House Committee on Veterans and Emergency Preparedness
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

Re: HCR 11

Dear Representative Matthews:

The Oregon State University Alumni Association, on behalf of more than 160,000 alumni across the nation and around the world, enthusiastically endorses House Concurrent Resolution 11, which commends Brigadier General Julie A. Bentz on being the first female officer in the history of the Oregon Army National Guard to achieve the rank of brigadier general.

A 1986 OSU graduate, Gen. Bentz brings great honor to her alma mater as she maintains high standards of ethics, intelligence and dedication to military service. She is a superb role model for young people who wish to serve the nation with a combination of exemplary technical proficiency and a gift for effective human relations.

As Gen. Bentz stated in a 2011 alumni magazine story about her promotion to general:

The U.S. military follows a code of conduct that reflects my upbringing. The core values of loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity, and personal courage were instilled in me and my siblings at a very young age by our parents.

We are honored to call Gen. Bentz a fellow graduate. Thank you for considering her for this honor.

Sincerely,

Christi Kasten

Christi Kasten, class of 1986
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cc: Rep. Cliff Bentz

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