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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:

I am writing in support of HCR 11 which recognizes the numerous career accomplishment of Brigadier General Julie A. Bentz, particularly her selection as the first female General Officer in the Oregon National Guard.

Brigadier General Bentz epitomizes the quality officers historically graduated and commissioned from the Oregon State University Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) Program. Her continued success through numerous career assignments is indicative of the quality such ROTC programs provide to the Oregon National Guard and United States Army.

Brigadier General Bentz continues to serve as a role model and inspiration to ROTC cadets at OSU. Her success demonstrates that future officers have the capability to serve at the highest ranks in the military, with numerous assignments and career paths open to them.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eric D. Larsen".

Eric D. Larsen  
Lieutenant Colonel, US Army  
Chair, Department of Military Science  
Oregon State University

cc: Rep. Cliff Bentz

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