

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Be Adopted
Vote:	5 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Beyer, Burdick, Ferrioli, Starr, Rosenbaum
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
Prepared By:	Lori Brocker, Administrator
Meeting Dates:	3/27

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: In memoriam: Sidney Leiken, 1916 – 2012.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Mr. Leiken’s contributions to community in business and through philanthropy
- Service in Oregon House of Representatives for four terms in 1960’s
- Impact of Mr. Leiken on securing funding for Umpqua Community College
- Mentorship of other members of legislature
- Service as Chair of Board of Douglas National Bank
- Known throughout community and state as “Grandpa Leiken”

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Sidney Leiken and his twin sister, Florence, were born to Samuel and Lena Leiken on Dec. 19, 1916 in New Haven, Conn. Mr. Leiken was an accomplished athlete, playing baseball, hockey and tennis in high school, as well as one year of minor league baseball before his aspirations to be a pitcher were cut short by an arm injury. In the 1930’s, he was a member of the Civilian Conservation Corps and worked throughout Oregon on construction projects, many of which are still standing today. During World War II, Mr. Leiken worked as a logger and in the sawmill, eventually starting the L&H Lumber Company in Sutherlin. L&H Lumber was an early forerunner of a specialty sawmill manufacturing process for 2"x4" 8' studs used in housing construction because Mr. Leiken foresaw the housing boom that would happen in America in the years following World War II. In 1973, L&H ceased operations as a sawmill, and Mr. Leiken started Saddle Butte Development Company in Roseburg. He was also co-founder, a board member and Chairman of the Board of Douglas National Bank, and was a driving force in many community projects in Roseburg and Sutherlin for more than 50 years.

In the 1960’s, Mr. Leiken served four terms in the Oregon State Legislature as a state representative, serving on the Joint Committee on Ways and Means where he was instrumental in securing funding for Umpqua Community College. He was an avid golfer and a life member of Roseburg Country Club and La Quinta Country Club, serving as a board member of both. During his lifetime, he enjoyed traveling the world, including a trip to China shortly after the U.S. Government opened travel to the country. In addition, Mr. Leiken traveled to Siberia to view Russian timber practices and mill operations, and to Israel with Governor Tom McCall, Kenneth Ford and other Oregon luminaries. One of Mr. Leiken’s major disappointments was that poor health prevented him from returning to Oregon during the final year of his life. Sidney Leiken died July 26, 2012 in Rancho Mirage, California at the age of 95, survived by many family members and countless friends.

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