77th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2013 Regular Session

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee on Rules

REVENUE: No revenue impact FISCAL: No fiscal impact

 Action:
 Be Adopted

 Vote:
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Yeas: Beyer, Burdick, Ferrioli, Starr, Rosenbaum

Nays: 0 Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 6/18

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: In memoriam: Lynn Lundquist, 1934-2013.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

• Speaker Lundquist's accomplishments and service to the state

- His work with the Oregon Business Association
- Commitment of Speaker Lundquist to bipartisanship

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: A politician, farmer, government official and businessman, former Oregon Speaker of the House Lynn Lundquist died unexpectedly on April 9, 2013, at his home in Powell Butte at the age of 78. Speaker Lundquist had an extensive career in elective politics, fighting hard for his constituents, working across the aisle to make legislation better, and, ultimately, making Oregon a better place.

MEASURE: HCR 32

CARRIER: Sen. Starr

Lynn Lundquist was born in Portland, Oregon on November 3, 1934. He grew up to graduate from Oregon State University and earned a master's degree from the University of Connecticut. He served as a member of the Newberg School Board, a position to which he was elected while working as a professor of economics at George Fox University. An advocate for children and for education, he extended his service to include the board of directors of Special Olympics Oregon, CareOregon and the Children's Institute. He also served as a 4-H leader and as state president for the Oregon Future Farmers of America Association.

First elected to the Oregon House in 1994, Speaker Lundquist served from 1995 to 2001. He was elected Speaker of the House of Representatives in 1997. During his tenure in the Legislature, Speaker Lundquist was a strong advocate for education, helping set the state's benchmarks for measuring the cost of a quality education. He was determined to stabilize Oregon's boom-and-bust budgets.

One of Speaker Lundquist's biggest successes came not in public office but in his work from 2000 to 2007 as the first leader of the Oregon Business Association (OBA). He shaped the group, which included several of the state's largest businesses, into a bipartisan lobbying force that, among other things, backed diverting corporate tax rebates into a rainy-day fund that helped the state through the current economic downturn. In 2008, OBA recognized Speaker Lundquist with the Statesman of the Year Award. After retiring to his ranch near Powell Butte in Central Oregon in 2008, he remained active in his community, including serving as a Crook County Commissioner.

Speaker Lundquist is survived by his wife of 42 years, Barbara, seven children, many grandchildren and countless friends.

House Concurrent Resolution 32 recognizes Lynn Lundquist for his legacy of public service, leadership and his invaluable contributions to the State of Oregon.