

February 11, 2015

Chair Val Hoyle
House Committee on Rules
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court Street NE, Room 64
Salem, Oregon 97301

Dear Chair Hoyle,

We deeply appreciate HCR 12 in recognition of Dr. Lavern Weber. We had the honor of being hired by Dr. Weber and worked with him at Oregon State University's Hatfield Marine Science Center in Newport, Oregon. Over the next two decades, he was our mentor, our colleague, and our friend. He helped us learn that to succeed we must build partnerships with our communities. His example helped us to explore and resolve our shared challenges, building a more robust coastal economy and enhancing coastal residents' knowledge of their environment by promoting better access to information. He taught us that persistence, creative thinking, and confidence helps move projects forward.

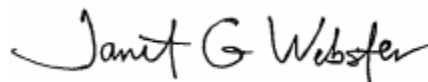
Dr. Weber had a vision for what the Hatfield Marine Science Center could be. In his 25 years as director, he realized that vision. He brought in new federal partners to build a dynamic research environment. He cajoled the university to invest in teaching at all levels, "K through grey." He encouraged young scientists to ask hard questions and then look for the answers. He worked with the City of Newport and Lincoln County to position the Hatfield Marine Science Center as a key part of the coastal community. He was tireless and passionate.

We support this resolution that honors Dr. Weber's contribution to Oregon State University, the Newport community, and the state of Oregon. We miss him.

Sincerely,



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