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*TESTIMONY BY SENATOR PETER COURTNEY  
SUPPORTING HCR 13  
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Chair Val Hoyle, Vice Chairs Barbara Smith Warner and Vic Gilliam, members of the House Rules Committee: thank you for having me today.

My name is Peter Courtney. I am a state Senator for District 11, which includes Woodburn, Gervais, and parts of Salem.

I'm here to support the resolution honoring McKinley Elementary School in its 100<sup>th</sup> year.

This school opened its doors in the Fall of 1915. At the time it cost \$20,128 to build.

In its 100 year history it has undergone many transformations.

It became a hospital shortly after WWI to deal with the influenza outbreak.

In 1920 McKinley reopened as a junior high school. Then in 1927 it again became the elementary school we know today.

Today McKinley enrolls 346 students from kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

Last year, 79% of her students met or exceeded state standards for math, 87% in science, and 88% in reading.

Students at McKinley can participate in LEGO robotics, Battle of the Books, Farm to School Program, the Young Rembrandts club, and more.

3 of McKinley's 5<sup>th</sup> graders are here to testify today.

Claire Graham, who is the daughter of Fritz Graham, district representative for Senator Wyden.

Cayden Harris-Clippinger, the son of Willamette University graduates who are now both music teachers in the Salem-Keizer school district.

Corinna Holman, whose mother is a Willamette University professor.

I'd like to thank them for coming today and want to welcome them to their Capitol.

HCR 13 honors McKinley Elementary for its 100 years of educating Salem's children. I hope you'll join me in recognizing them today.

Thank you for your time. I now defer to the honorable Representative Clem and the distinguished students joining us today for more information about McKinley, her history, and her illustrious future.