

Testimony before the Senate Rules Committee May 26, 2015

SCR 15, the David S. Barrows Lobby Center

Chair Rosenbaum and members of the committee, please accept this statement for the record on behalf of Dana Haynes and Katy King, friends of Dave and Pat Barrows.

We are pleased to support SCR 15. Dave Barrows wasn't simply a mentor, he was an icon. From the beginning of his career in the 1960s until last year, he was the longest serving lobbyist in Oregon and – as is widely believed – the longest serving lobbyist in the nation. During that time, he taught countless generations of lawmakers, their aides, committee staff and state employees how best to interact with the constituents they serve. And he taught citizen and professional lobbyists how to reach out in an effective, professional manner to create change at the state level.

Oregon is famous for having a citizen legislature. Dave crafted the bridge between "citizen" and "legislature," and did so with a smile, wit, patience and charm. It is only fitting and right that SCR 15 should pass and the David S. Barrows Lobby Center should stand as testament to his enduring legacy: the power of building strong relationships through honesty, trust and respect.

Sincerely, Dana Haynes and Katy King