

**REMARKS OF L-O-C PRESIDENT
PETE TRUAX
SHIRLEY KALKHOVEN SERVICE
TILLAMOOK, OREGON, MARCH 22, 2015**

I HOLD A POSITION PREVIOUSLY HELD BY SHIRLEY KALKHOVEN, PRESIDENT OF THE LEAGUE OF OREGON CITIES. I HOLD THAT POSITION TODAY IN NO SMALL MEASURE DO TO THE INFLUENCE OF SHIRLEY KALKHOVEN. IN ORDER TO BECOME THE PRESIDENT OF THE LEAGUE, YOU MUST SERVE ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. AND ONCE YOU ARE ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, YOU MUST BE NOMINATED AND ELECTED TREASURER OF THE LEAGUE. THEN THE PROGRESSION TAKES YOU ON TO VICE PRESIDENT AND THEN THE ULTIMATE POSITION IN THE L-O-C.

IT WAS SOMETIME IN 2010 THAT SHIRLEY SUGGESTED TO ME THAT I APPLY FOR A BOARD POSITION. IT WAS SOMETIME IN 2012 THAT SHIRLEY SUGGESTED I RUN FOR TREASURER. AND I HAD LEARNED THAT A SUGGESTION FROM SHIRLEY WAS SOMETHING YOU IGNORED AT YOUR OWN RISK. SO HERE I AM, AT SHIRLEY'S SUGGESTION.

AND MY STORY IS NOT UNIQUE AMONG OREGON'S PUBLIC OFFICIALS. THERE ARE MANY IN THIS AUDIENCE TODAY WHO HAVE SOUGHT HER EXPERTISE, LEARNED FROM HER EXPERIENCES, AND FOLLOWED HER "ADVICE".

I WHEN WORD OF HER DEATH FLEW AROUND THE STATE OF OREGON LAST MONDAY, I NOTICED IN THE THREAD A COMMON MESSAGE: SHE SERVED...MY, HOW SHE SERVED. SHE SERVED HER CITY OF NEHALEM, SHE SERVED TILLAMOOK COUNTY AND THE NORTH COAST, SHE SERVED THE STATE OF OREGON. WE HAVE ALL READ THE LISTS OF COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS, TASK FORCES, AND STUDY GROUPS OF WHICH SHE WAS A MEMBER. ACTUALLY SHE WAS FAR MORE THAN A MEMBER, SHE WAS A LEADER.

IF I MAY GET BIBLICAL HERE FOR A MOMENT, I AM REMINDED THAT ST. PAUL ONCE SAID HIS MISSION WAS TO “COMFORT THE AFFLICTED, AND AFFLICT THE COMFORTABLE.” I MIGHT APPLY THAT TO SHIRLEY KALKHOVEN. SHE WORKED FOR THOSE AMONG US WHO WERE UNFORTUNATE IN LIFE. AT THE SAME TIME, SHE DID NOT HESITATE TO REMIND THOSE WITH MUCH IN LIFE THAT THEY HAD A RESPONSIBILITY TO OTHERS.

ONE LAST NOTE. STYLE. SHIRLEY KALKHOVEN HAD IT IN SPADES. HER STYLE LED HER TO DRESS IN A WAY THAT LEFT NO DOUBT SHE WAS IMPORTANT. AND WE WOULD BE WELL SERVED TO REMEMBER THAT. NOBODY ELSE WENT TO THAT BASEBALL GAME IN CORVALLIS TWO SUMMERS AGO IN HIGH HEELS. THAT WAS STYLE. WHEN YOU TALKED WITH HER, SHE HAD A WAY OF MAKING YOU THINK YOUR OPINION WAS CRUCIAL. THAT WAS STYLE. AND, MOST OF ALL, SHE DID HER JOB TO THE BEST OF HER ABILITY. THAT WAS STYLE.

I, AND OTHER PUBLIC OFFICIALS IN OREGON, ARE GRATEFUL WE HAD THIS BRIEF TIME WITH SHIRLEY KALKHOVEN, AND WE THANK HER FAMILY FOR SHARING HER WITH US. WE ARE A BETTER STATE; WE ARE A BETTER PEOPLE FOR KNOWING, AND LOVING, SHIRLEY KALKHOVEN.