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Dear Senators:

Today you will take up HCR 32, the resolution honoring Ed Whelan who served three sessions in the early 1960's. I asked to have this resolution drafted and urge your quick passage. I will be unable to attend your meeting, but would like you to consider a few points from my House testimony.

Ed is a former "North Portland Subdistrict" House member who would have been Speaker in 1965 had his party not lost the Majority. He went on to be the President of the AFofL-CIO and a very effective lobbyist. He was prominent in the formation of Tri-Met and was appointed by Gov. Tom McCall as the first Director of the the Department of Economic Development.

In a long career of public service, Ed made numerous friends in both Parties, but always remained loyal to his Rough Rider roots and the "ordinary working stiff"!

Roger Martin