

**House Committee On Rules**

**Fiscal:** No Fiscal Impact  
**Revenue:** No Revenue Impact

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**Action Date:** 02/11/15  
**Action:** Be Adopted.  
**Meeting Dates:** 02/11

**House**  
**Yeas:** 8 - Gilliam, Hoyle, Kennemer, Wilson, Nosse, Rayfield, Smith Warner, McLane  
**Exc:** 1 - Barnhart

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Honors Ramona Line for decades of service as Chief Clerk of Oregon House of Representatives.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Line's service to state and Legislature
- Her mentorship and guidance of legislators'
- Ability to serve in bipartisan manner

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

Affectionately referred to as the "Masters of Mason's," Ramona Line's 30-year career as Chief Clerk of the Oregon House of Representatives and more than 50 years of service to the Legislature is without parallel.

Her career in the Oregon House of Representatives began at age 10 working for her father, Speaker of the House Richard Eymann. Elected as the Chief Clerk of the House in 1985, she served as the Chief Clerk for 12 Speakers and provided training and guidance to Legislative leadership, 100's of legislators, and anyone seeking an education in the legislative process.

Recognized as a national authority on parliamentary procedure, Line served on multiple national committees and boards including as President, Secretary-Treasurer and member of the Executive Committee of the American Society of Legislative Clerks and Secretaries and as a member of the Mason's Manual Commission from 1992 until 2014, working to maintain and develop revisions for *Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure*, the primary source of parliamentary procedure in the Oregon Legislative Assembly and most other state legislatures. In addition, she traveled internationally on behalf of representative democracy's, working in Central American and Palestine legislatures in order to train fellow Clerks on how to serve their parliaments better and make them stronger.

House Concurrent Resolution 11 honors Ramona Line for decades of service as Chief Clerk of Oregon House of Representatives, the Legislative Assembly and the people of the State of Oregon.

