

Seventy-Eighth Oregon Legislative Assembly - 2015 Regular Session
STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

MEASURE: SCR 15
CARRIER: Sen. Ferrioli
Sen. Courtney

Senate Committee On Rules

Fiscal: No Fiscal Impact
Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 05/26/15

Action: Be Adopted.

Meeting Dates: 05/26

Vote:

Yeas: 4 - Beyer, Boquist, Ferrioli, Rosenbaum

Exc: 1 - Burdick

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Declares that lobby message center in Oregon State Capitol shall be known as David S. Barrows Lobby Center.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Life of Dave Barrows
- Commitment to legislative process and ensuring it was carried out with integrity
- Mentorship of young lobbyists, legislators and staff
- His role as dean of lobby

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

David S. Barrows was a leader, a pillar of the Oregon Legislature, and a person or man whose influence on public policy has shaped the landscape of Oregon.

Mr. Barrows first set foot in the Oregon State Capitol in 1955 as a page for the House of Representatives. His political curiosity led him to study at Willamette University, just steps away from the Capitol, so that he could represent the Oregon Fairview Home as a lobbyist in the 1959 and 1961 legislative sessions while earning his law degree.

After graduating from law school, Dave Barrows dedicated the next 40 years of his career to representing a variety of clients in every legislative session between 1963 and 2014. His political acumen was revered throughout the Capitol amongst his peers in the lobby, legislators and capitol staff. He gladly shared his knowledge with others by memorializing in "The Dos and Don'ts of Lobbying," which was, and continues to be, the essential first and last read for those who seek to provide influence in the legislature.

Work in the Oregon Legislature occurs within an often chaotic but beautiful symphony involving lawmakers, the public and lobbyists and no one knew this better than Dave Barrows. This was why his name was synonymous throughout the Oregon State Capitol with quality, honesty, integrity, credibility and trust.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 15 honors the work, life and integrity of David S. Barrows by naming the rooms in the Oregon State Capitol now collectively referred to as the lobby message center as the David S. Barrows Lobby Center.