



Senate Concurrent Resolution 201

House Committee on Rules

February 24, 2016

Chair Williamson and members of the House Committee on Rules, thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony in support of Senate Concurrent Resolution 201, honoring the life and many contributions of Brady Adams. My name is Kevin Christiansen, Government Affairs Director for the Oregon Bankers Association.

While Brady Adam's achievements in Salem are well known, his work on behalf of the Oregon banking industry and his home of Grants Pass are equally impressive. Brady's banking career began shortly after he graduated from Portland State University, working first at Western Savings and Loan and then Equitable Savings and Loan. In 1971, Brady took a position as an Assistant Vice President and Loan Officer at Evergreen Federal Bank. In 1988, Brady accepted the position of President and Chief Executive Officer at Evergreen Federal which he held, with distinction, until 2010 when he retired.

Brady's contributions to banking were admired by his peers around the State of Oregon. Brady was actively involved in the Oregon Bankers Association, including serving as a member of the Oregon Bankers Association Board of Directors. In 2007, Brady was inducted into the Oregon Bankers Association Hall of Fame in recognition of his many contributions and enduring dedication to the Oregon banking industry and the communities we serve.

Brady's leadership and myriad contributions to the community of Grants Pass also speaks volumes. Brady was instrumental in establishing a number of philanthropic events including Bearfest, an annual event featuring decorated bears that were auctioned off for charity, Imagination Village, where \$120,000 was raised for Three Rivers Hospital Family House Project, and the Grants Pass Book Club, in which over 44,000 books and \$10,000 were raised for non-profit organizations.

Brady Adams was a respected banker, an influential leader, and a generous member of his community. His absence has been felt in many ways, in many places, throughout our state. We urge the committee to vote in favor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 201.

The OBA strongly urges the adoption of Senate Concurrent Resolution 201.