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SENATE MAJORITY LEADER**

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TO: Senate Rules Committee
FROM: Senate Majority Leader Ginny Burdick
SUBJECT: SCR 16

Members of the committee, for the record, my name is Ginny Burdick. I serve as the State Senator for District 18, which includes the city of Tigard and portions of west Portland.

I'm here today to discuss Senate Concurrent Resolution 16, honoring the recently passed Pat Straub. This resolution memorializes Lana Laine Patricia "Pat" Stroud Straub, the former first lady of Oregon. Pat and Bob Straub first came to Oregon in 1947, settling in Springfield where Bob would first begin his career in politics. During this time, Pat Straub built a reputation as an outstanding cook and entertainer, and would later transmit her expansive knowledge of natural cooking into her cookbook "From the Loving Earth", published in 1974.

Pat Straub expanded on the role of first lady in new and unexpected ways, hosting dignitaries in her farmhouse home, initiating the first Governor's Run in Salem, and writing her own column detailing the activities and personal life of a Governor's wife. Pat Straub, in addition to her support for her husband's office, was a fierce environmentalist and joined the State Board of Forestry in the 1980s. Pat and Bob Straub generously donated old growth forest for the creation of the Bob and Pat Straub Nature Park, and their environmentalism was immortalized in 1998 with the creation of the Bob and Pat Straub Environmental Learning Center.

Pat is remembered for her warmth, her tenacity, and her many contributions to the State of Oregon as first lady and beyond. I ask that the Senate honor the memory of Pat Straub today.

I strongly urge your support for SCR 16.