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Dear Chair Burdick and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for this honor and opportunity to testify. My name is Meagan Atiyeh, and I am the oldest of Dolores & Victor's five grandchildren. For fifteen years, I have worked for the Oregon Arts Commission, in the State Lands Building just next to the Stiff Jarman House my father spoke of.

Most days, I'm able to walk by the house where we had family holidays, and watch Dolores' favorite magnolia tree bloom in the back yard. I think we both mention this house, where the McCall's lived before Dolores and Victor, because it is a fitting metaphor for my grandparents: strong, graceful and humble. And that is how I remember Dolores.

As this Senate Concurrent Resolution attests to, you recognize the spirit and tirelessness she gave to her civic interests in arts and heritage, and youth among other causes. She and Victor were some of the most patient and unassuming people I have known. They were consummately accessible.

Each summer they took me to the State Fair. I remember rabbits and goats of course. But mostly, I remember moving at the pace of about a foot a half hour as fairgoers stopped to talk with them both.

What I really wanted to tell today was Victor's favorite story to poke fun at Dolores. One evening at the dinner table, Dolores asked Victor how his day was. Victor said- "Great. I played in a *celebrity golf tournament*." Dolores replied "Marvelous! Who was your celebrity?"

"I was the celebrity!!" Victor responded.

Thank you for acknowledging strong women in the home, workplace and civic life.

Sincerely,



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