

**SCR 16 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Carrier:** Sen. Courtney

**Senate Committee On Rules**

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**Action Date:** 04/12/17  
**Action:** Be adopted.  
**Vote:** 5-0-0-0  
**Yeas:** 5 - Beyer, Boquist, Burdick, Ferrioli, Roblan  
**Fiscal:** No fiscal impact  
**Revenue:** No revenue impact  
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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Expresses respect and gratitude for Pat Straub.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Personal memories of Pat Straub
- Relationship between Bob and Pat Straub
- Historical and environmental preservation

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

Lana Laine Patricia "Pat" Stroud Straub, wife of Governor Bob Straub, was born in Villanova, Pennsylvania on March 11, 1923. They were married on September 12, 1943, in San Antonio, Texas where he was stationed for officer training in the United States Army Quartermaster Corps. The couple had six children and enjoyed 59 years of marriage. The Straub's eventually relocated to Springfield, Oregon where Mrs. Straub became interested in gardening, healthy eating and cooking. After moving to the West Salem hills, she continued to develop her mastery of organic farming and healthy eating and cooking, and subsequently incorporated her knowledge into a book *From the Loving Earth*, published in 1974.

Mrs. Straub was an advocate for her husband's political career, from his election to the office of Lane County Commissioner, to State Senator, State Democratic Party Chair, State Treasurer and finally Governor. She served as Oregon's First Lady from 1975 to 1979 and supported her husband in the role of Governor by serving as gatekeeper, speech proofreader and environmental advocate. In the 1980s, Mrs. Straub further assumed a role as an environmental advocate when she was appointed to serve as a member of the State Board of Forestry. Pat and Bob Straub donated a 10-acre plot of forest near their West Salem home to the City of Salem, which is now named the Bob and Pat Straub Nature Park. Additionally, environmental educators formed the Bob and Pat Straub Environmental Learning Center, which currently has two facilities and provides environmental educational programs for Willamette Valley students.

Pat Straub passed away in Springfield, Oregon at the age of 93. She is survived by five children, 14 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren. Senate Concurrent Resolution 16 expresses the 79th Legislative Assembly's deep respect and gratitude for Pat Straub's commitment and support as a partner to Governor Bob Straub and dedication as a public servant working toward a better Oregon.