

Dear Members of the Oregon State Senate:

I write in strong **support of SCR 23 and 24 regarding recognition of Lewis McArthur and Tom McAllister.**

As a staff member and Executive Director of the Oregon Historical Society, I worked with these two Oregonians for virtually all of my career (from the mid-1970s until 2017) and knew them both well. Lew and Tom epitomized what I would call the "Noble Oregonian," an individual who knows the state and its people, and uses his or her intellect and energies to broaden and deepen fellow Oregonians' knowledge and appreciation of their great state. They gave their time and passion for the state's geography and its natural and human histories to their work as writers and researchers, leaving all of us far richer for their often-combined efforts.

Lew McArthur edited and added greatly to the "bible" of Oregon geography, Oregon Geographic Names, a book originally written by his father. As well, he contributed his knowledge and his forceful and informed opinions to the workings of the Oregon Geographic Names Board (OGNB). Tom McAllister wrote for four decades for the Oregon Journal and the Oregonian newspapers on every aspect of hunting, fishing, exploring, and appreciating all corners of the state. He, too, joined forces with Lew on the OGNB. Every member of the board (on which I have been privileged to serve as a volunteer and a member for nearly 40 years) has benefitted from the leadership and information these two men so generously (humorously, too) gave to our proceedings.

I add my own voice to that of your colleagues and other Oregonians in support of SCR 23 and 24. In an era that calls for our state to renew its environmental legacies, recognizing the work of Lewis McArthur and Tom McAllister will speak volumes.

With best regards and esteem, I am

Sincerely,

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