

House Committee on Rules
Senate Concurrent Resolution 36
Honoring Ken Austin
June 17, 2019

Madam chair and members of the committee, my name is Shawn Scoville. I serve as executive vice president of OSU Foundation. And I appear today representing Oregon State University and the OSU Foundation.

I thank Rep. Noble, Rep. McLane and other legislators for sponsoring this resolution.

Quite simply, Ken Austin built an Oregon legacy that is unmatched.

Adoption of Senate Concurrent Resolution 36 will celebrate Ken's life and his legacy upon his passing on May 1.

Ken was an inventor throughout his life. And for that we should all be grateful.

As an undergraduate, he invented Oregon State's mascot ... Benny Beaver.

As an adult, Ken remained an inventor and became a business leader.

He and his wife, Joan, founded A-dec ... a company that changed dental care worldwide.

In time, Ken became a philanthropist who never stopped imagining how to make lives of people even better.

Ken and Joan shared their generosity and belief in others throughout Yamhill County and across Oregon. And at Oregon State University.

Ken and Joan shared the fruits of their success:

- With Oregon Special Olympics
- Newberg area schools and organizations
- The Oregon Symphony and the Portland Art Museum, and
- The Oregon Historical Society ... to name a few

Through his life, Ken always sought to make things better for others – some who he knew personally ... and many others across our state that he never would meet.

In closing, I share that Ken was my friend and a friend to all Oregonians.

I urge the Oregon Legislature's adoption of SCR 36.