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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Senate Committee on Finance and Revenue
Testimony for written submission

Dear Chair Burdick, Vice Chair Boquist, and members of the committee,

Today I am here to seek your support of SCR 18 honoring Alfreda Bales as the longest-serving employee in the history of the State of Oregon. Thanks to Senator Patterson I am privileged to be a co-chief sponsor on this resolution.

When I read the resolution, I thought also of Duane Bales, the son of Alfreda Bales. Duane served faithfully for many years in the House Republican Office. I first met Duane in the historical 30-30 session of 2011.

Recognizing Alfreda Bales is an honor. She is a stellar example of what we as women can accomplish when we align our priorities with the present situation. As a young woman from the very small town of Scio she ventured to Denver, Colorado to learn the profession of floral design. As a mother she supported her children's endeavors as she chaired the Mother's Club at Aumsville elementary. As a professional she was breaking glass ceilings before there was a term for women who lead others professionally. She served as president to Rotana - a service organization for business and professional women.

Alfreda has also kept her faith life active through Bethel Baptist Church in Aumsville. And true to dedication of service she spends time helping her grandchildren develop their faith. She managed all of this and faithfully served our great state for more than 60 years in the Department of Revenue.

It is an honor to ask for your unanimous support of SCR 18 honoring Alfreda Bales of Aumsville, Oregon, House District 19; as the longest-serving employee in the history of the State of Oregon.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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