

HCR 10 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Veterans, Emergency Management, Federal and World Affairs

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Meeting Dates: 4/18, 4/20

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Recognizes and honors John and Shirley Vandermosten for their leadership and service to people of Oregon.

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

REVENUE: No revenue impact

HOUSE VOTE: 58-0-1

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

John and Shirley Vandermosten were raised in neighboring towns on the south shore of Long Island, New York, and they met as students at Oceanside High School. John Vandermosten served his country with honor and distinction in the United States Navy. John and Shirley Vandermosten graduated from campuses in the State University of New York system and became schoolteachers.

In the early 1970s, the Vandermosten's moved to Oregon, seeing it as an ideal place to live and raise their family. They settled in Gresham, Oregon, where they have made their home since 1972. They quickly became leaders in their new community and have worked with passion and commitment to improve the quality of life in Gresham and East Multnomah County.

After finding herself unable to communicate with the large Spanish-speaking population in her community, Shirley Vandermosten began taking Spanish lessons, which culminated in a B.A. in Spanish from Portland State University and led to her work as a tutor at Mt. Hood Community College for 22 years. The Vandermosten's serve on the board of East County Rising and support its mission to engage, energize, and elevate East Multnomah County by transforming governments to better reflect and represent the area's diverse and progressive community.

The Vandermosten's regularly attend local political meetings and "try to keep our finger on the East County pulse," in Shirley's words. They have been involved in numerous other civic, political, and charitable organizations, giving tirelessly of their time. They are leaders in the fight for human rights, justice, and inclusion for all. They exemplify what it is to be community changemakers, and care deeply about finding ways to improve the lives of individual people. In a lifetime of dedicated work as educators, mentors and community activists, they have touched countless lives and made their community a better place.

House Concurrent Resolution 10 recognizes and honors John and Shirley Vandermosten for their leadership and service to people of Oregon.