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## **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

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Good afternoon, Chair Fahey, Vice Chairs Breese Iverson and Kropf, and Members of the House Committee on Rules.

My name is Lisa Reynolds and I'm the state representative for HD 34.

I am here as a chief sponsor for HCR 24, a House Concurrent Resolution in honor of the memory of Leonard Jules Bergstein, or as we all knew him, "Len".

We will hear so much about Len's accomplishments and years of service - as chief of staff to Governor Straub, and as close counsel to so many leaders, including Governor Kulongoski, who will speak later today, about Len's work with Albina Vision Trust, of which he spoke with such awe and commitment these past few years, and as the smart and witty "talking head" at KGW.

I will just share my personal story with Len. You see, Len, and his wife, Betsy, came into our family's life 15 years ago. He worked as a lobbyist with my then husband, Dave Sanders, on bills to improve access to health care services. That was cool work. But even more importantly, to this mom at least, Len took my sons under his wing. Jack and Hank often accompanied their dad to legislator meetings and committee hearings, and Len would shepherd them through the capitol building, buying them snacks, describing the process, and even persuading Governor Kitzhaber to allow Jack to sit at the governor's desk for a photo of the 3 of them - the Oregon governor and my two sons.

Len and Betsy have become extended family for us, joining in birthday and graduation celebrations, and providing counsel and support to my sons, as well as to Dave and to me. Their interest and affection inspire us to this day. And, of course, the Bergsteins have been all this and more to so many Oregonians, and we are all the better for it.

I miss you Len. Your belief in all of us who were lucky enough to be in your orbit continues to motivate us to help Oregon, OUR Oregon, become the very best place in which to grow up, and to live, work, and play.