

Feb. 12, 2023

Senate Rules Committee
Chair Kate Lieber
900 Court St. NE, S-223
Salem, Oregon 97301

Dear Chair Lieber and Honorable members of the Senate Rules Committee:

Thank you for considering this Resolution to honor the late Mike Donahue, a true-blue Oregonian who provided decades of public service to this state.

No, he didn't serve in elective office. He was not in government. Yet he worked his entire professional career conveying helpful news and information to the citizens of the Portland area. That, in my mind, is public service.

I worked at a competing television station, KATU, while Mike anchored the news at KOIN. Yet nobody at the other TV stations saw him as a competitor. We saw him more as a torchbearer for delivering the news in a straightforward and accurate way. And we all admired and respected him for sticking to such high journalistic standards.

Besides his ability to craft and tell news stories, he had another dimension. He managed to become such a familiar voice, that he brought a level of comfort to people when they turned on the evening news. No matter how chaotic or busy their day might have been when Mike Donahue was on the screen, the world seemed in order.

Sincerely,

Mark Hass