



**OREGON STATE SENATE**

Thank you for taking the time to hear SCR 211, honoring Linn County Clerk Steve Druckenmiller who was the Linn County Clerk for 37 years and worked in the office for a total of 40 years. He is the second longest-serving elected official in Linn County. In fact, he continued as the County Clerk up until the time of his death last year.

Steve dedicated his life to public service and preserving and protecting democracy. He personally oversaw 144 vote-by-mail elections and 28 poll elections during his career. Steve was an early supporter of vote by mail, and throughout his career worked to build confidence in our secure and accessible election system. His work to build confidence across Linn County and across any and all political divides, strengthened our elections system by building confidence and trust.

Steve was passionate about voting and the aspiration of getting a ballot into the hands of every eligible voter. This was reflected not only through his support of vote by mail, but also his leadership to implementing online registration and automatic voter registration. A little-known fact is that Steve Druckenmiller pioneered the first Spanish language ballot—and that the first Spanish language ballot was utilized in a Linn County Election. Steve's leadership put Linn County on the map as a center of commitment to democracy, innovation and fierce advocacy for voter access.

Linn County and Oregon as a whole are better because of Steve's devoted public service. Thank you for taking up SCR 211 to recognize the significant contribution he made through his life work.

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