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Oregon State Legislature Attn:
Senate Committee on Rules
900 Court Street NE Salem, OR 97301

The League of Oregon Cities Supports Passage of SCR 18

The League of Oregon Cities, representing Oregon's 241 cities, is honored to support Senate Concurrent Resolution 18, which reflects on Mayor John McArdle's leadership and community involvement over his 25-year career as Mayor of Independence, Oregon.

Mayor McArdle is well known beyond his role as mayor, where he has been part of many local, regional, and state organizations and served in key leadership roles with several organizations, including:

- President and board member - Oregon Mayors Association
- President and board member - League of Oregon Cities.
- Chair and board member - Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments.
- Chair and board member - Ash Creek Water Control Board.
- Co-originator and member of the Mid-Willamette Valley Mayor's Forum.
- President and board member - Monmouth Independence Chamber of Commerce.
- Board member - United States Olympic Committee.
- Founding President - USA Track and Field Foundation.
- Founding member since 1994 and past Monmouth/Independence YMCA Chair.
- Organizer of the annual Hop & Heritage Festival in downtown Independence.
- Director of the YMCA youth track club and co-originator of the youth "cannonball" championships event at the swimming pool.

Mayor McArdle is one of the longest-tenured mayors in Oregon. He has a diverse record of involvement and leadership across his community. He can light up a room with his sheer enthusiasm and energy while also having the patience to listen and be a quiet mentor.

Under Mayor McArdle's leadership and presence, the City of Independence is a better place, and the organizations he has worked with are better positioned to meet challenges.

Sincerely,

Jim McCauley, Legislative Director