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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Chair Bowman, Vice Chairs Drazen and Pham, and Members of the Committee,

For the record, my name is Lisa Fragala, and I represent Oregon House District 8, which includes central and south Eugene. I'm here today to encourage your support of HCR 31, a resolution to honor the life and legacy of Lyllye Reynolds Parker, and to recognize her outstanding contributions to the Eugene Community, the University of Oregon, and to the people of our state.

To say that Lyllye Parker lived a remarkable life is an understatement. She lived a life committed to community service and social justice even when confronted with racial discrimination and barriers as a member of one of Eugene's Founding Black Families and as a Black woman.

Amongst the many things Lyllye Parker is remembered for, one that stands out is her mentoring and support of countless students at the University of Oregon as a student advisor. It is incredibly common to meet people whose lives were changed or who were inspired to service by Lyllye Parker, many who themselves also experienced marginalization or discrimination.

As an educator in Eugene, my path crossed with Lyllye at education and advocacy related gatherings, and even though we didn't know each other well, she was always generous with her time, thinking, and stories. Her enthusiasm for life was evident and even a short encounter could leave a lasting impression. And it often did.

I'm honored to be here today to join others in commemorating and honoring Lyllye Reynolds Parker for a remarkable life lived in dedication to inclusive community, public service, and a more equitable and socially just society.

Sincerely,

Lisa M. Fragala

Representative Lisa Fragala
House District 8

