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Leader Daniel Bonham Honors the Legacy of Former Senate President Peter Courtney

SALEM, Ore. – Senate Republican Leader Daniel Bonham (R-The Dalles) issued a statement today on the passing of former Oregon Senate President Peter Courtney.

"It is with profound sadness that we mourn the passing of former Senate President Peter Courtney. Peter dedicated his life to public service and the people of Oregon, leaving a lasting mark on our state's history. His legislative achievements have made an impact that will be felt for generations to come," said **Leader Bonham**.

Peter Courtney's career in the Oregon Legislature spanned nearly four decades, during which he was known for his unwavering commitment to bipartisanship and his ability to bring people together. His leadership style, characterized by kindness and a deep sense of duty, set a high standard for all who follow in his footsteps.

In his <u>final remarks</u> to the Senate, Peter reminded his colleagues of the importance of civility, stating, "Let us be civil to one another. Let us debate with respect and listen with open hearts." These words encapsulate the essence of his approach to governance and his belief in the power of respectful discourse, an important reminder now more than ever.

Bonham continued, "Beyond his legislative achievements, Peter was a mentor, a friend, and a true statesman. His wisdom, compassion, and sense of humor were cherished by those who had the privilege to work with him. Our heartfelt condolences are extended to Peter's family, friends, and loved ones. We honor his legacy and will strive to continue his work with the same spirit of civility he exemplified throughout his career."

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